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ピッチャーは体が柔らかい。
ムチのようにしなる腕。
手首をそらせて腕にくっつけてしまう
人もいるらしい。
その尋常ならざる柔軟性が、
伸びのある投球を生み出すのだ。
僕は、けっして
ピッチャーにはなれない。

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BASEBALL CLUB

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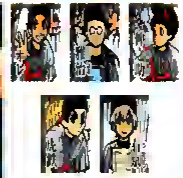

「鈴ねえを甲子園に連れて行く！」
9歳の夏に誓った瞳太郎。
かつての仲間も都立あおい坂高校野球部に集結し、
ついに夏の甲子園予選が始まった。
しかし、1回戦の相手は予想外の怪物投手。
いきなりのピンチに監督・鈴ねえのとった
意外な作戦は・・!?

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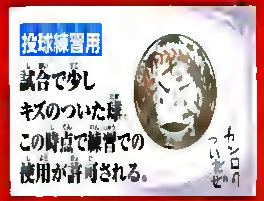

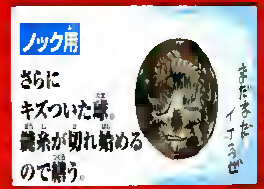

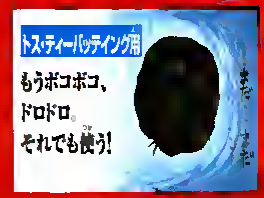

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Story ストーリー

「鈴ねえを甲子園に連れてってやろー」という6年前の誓いを胸に北大路輝太郎が入学したのは、都立あおい坂高校。入部した鈴緒の監督する野球部は、部員ギリギリ、誰からも期待されず日陰の校庭で練習する弱小チームだった。しかし、かつて誓いを立てた仲間達が集まり、チームは甲子園出場めざし走り始めた！

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A GENIUS APPEARS!

MEIJI-JINGUU BASEBALL STADIUM

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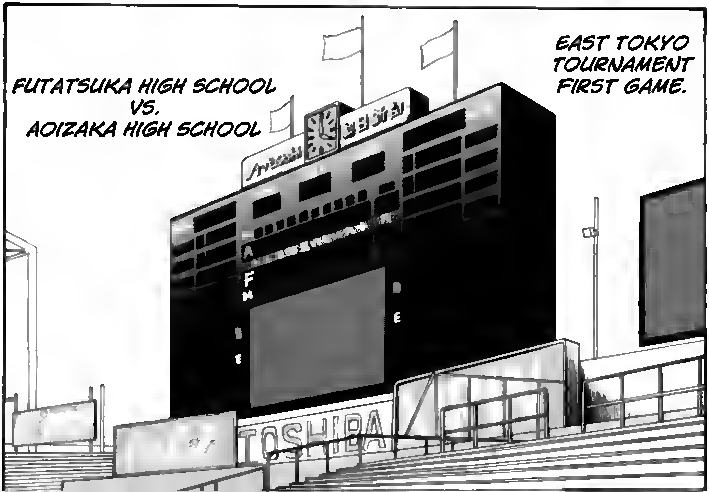
THE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT HAS FINALLY STARTED!
COACH NAGUMO!
COACH! PLEASE SAY SOME WORDS ABOUT YOUR GOAL, AS THE SPRING CHAMPION!
COACH NAGUMO! YOUR TOUOU ACADEMY IS SEEDED AND WILL DEBUT IN ROUND 3...

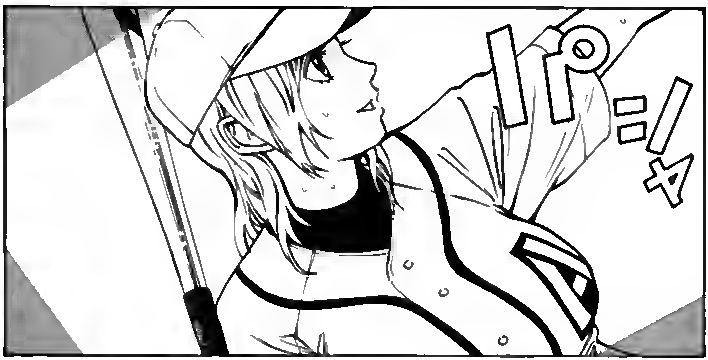
KOMA-KUN, PLEASE LOOK HERE!!
JUST ONCE!
CHAMPION. HUH...
YOU LOSE IN HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL, IT'S OVER. WE ARE JUST GIVING OUR BEST IN EVERY GAME.
Touou Academy Coach
Nagumo Nanami


FUTATSUKA HIGH SCHOOL VS. AOIZAKA HIGH SCHOOL
EAST TOKYO TOURNAMENT FIRST GAME.
TOSHIBA

AOIZAKA HIGH SCHOOL, PLEASE BEGIN WARMING UP
LET ME HEAR YOUR SHOUT!
Coach Sugawara Suzuo
Number 2 Center-Fielder Hida Hitsuto (Second-year)
Number 3 Left-Fielder Segawa Kei (Third-year)
Number 1 Short-Stop Shibata Shinnosuke (First-year)

Number 5
Catcher
Matsukata Masaharu
(First-year)
Number 4
First-Baseman
Kobayashi Kotetsu
(First-year)
Number 6
Center-Fielder
imai Isamu
(Third-year)
Number 7
Right-Fielder
Daibutsu Msaru
(Second-year)
Number 8
Pitcher Kitaooji
Kitarou
(First-year)
Number 9
Second-Baseman
Umemiya Ukyou
(First-year)

Aoi's female coach sure can hit well
AOIZAKA HIGH SCHOOL HAS 3 MINUTES LEFT FOR WARMING UP!



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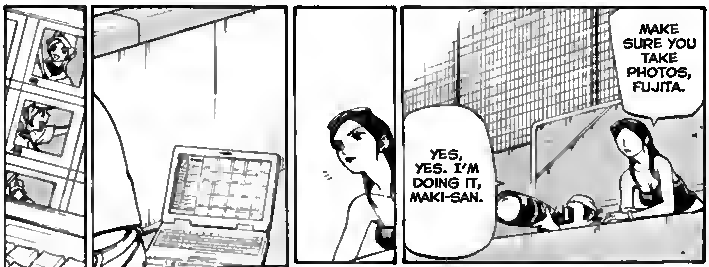
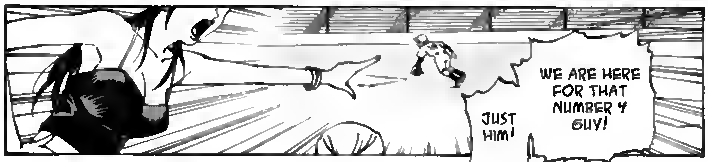
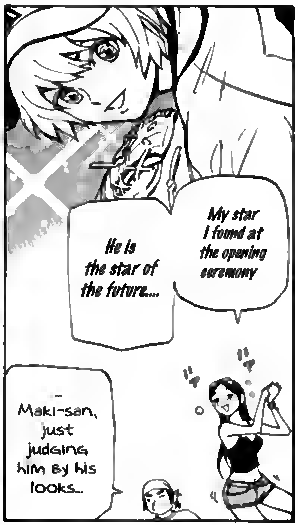

MAKE SURE YOU TAKE PHOTOS, FUJITA.
YES, YES. I'M DOING IT, MAKI-SAN.

FUJITA!! WHY DO YOU THINK WE CAME TO THE FIRST GAME OF THE TOURNAMENT?
Ah, the lens...
Oh,
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND OUR BUSINESS!
NOT OF THE COACH!

TL NOTE: SHE IS TALKING ABOUT HIS BACK NUMBER.



TL NOTE: MAG SAYS "BASEBALL PRINCE"



"Baseball Prince"'s photographer Fujita Minoru
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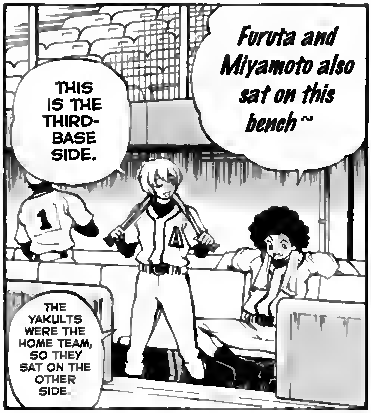
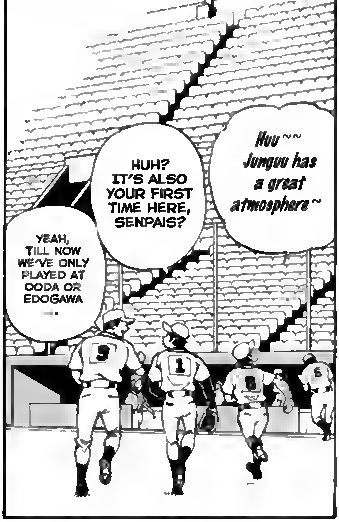
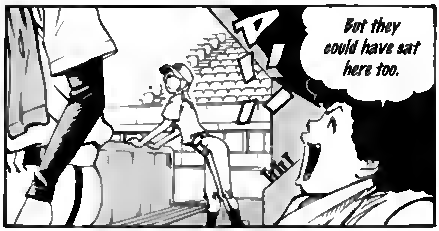
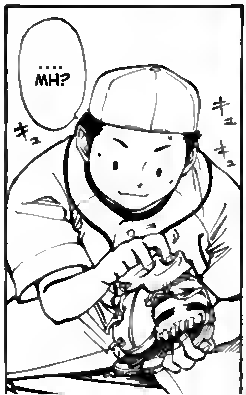
...I WANNA QUIT THIS JOB.
SHOULD I GO FREE LANCE?

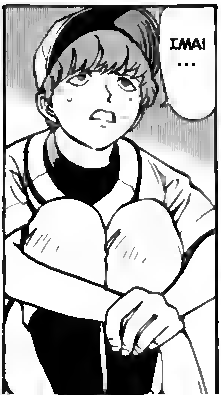
TL NOTE: OBVIOUS FAMOUS BASEBALL PLAYERS

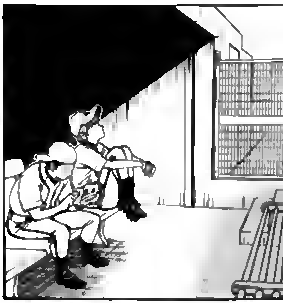

THIS IS THE THIRD-BASE SIDE.
Furuta and Miyamoto also sat on this bench ~
THE YAKULTS WERE THE HOME TEAM, SO THEY SAT ON THE OTHER SIDE.


Huu ~~ Jungyu has a great atmosphere ~
HUH? IT'S ALSO YOUR FIRST TIME HERE, SENPAIS?
YEAH, TILL NOW WE'VE ONLY PLAYED AT ODDA OR EDOGAWA









YOU HAVE TO THINK MORE POSITIVE
DON'T SAY THAT!

TODAY COULD BE OUR LAST GAME.

SO YOU WILL HAVE TO STAY TILL THE SUMMER ENDS.
I WILL BLOW THE BALL AWAY, SENPAI.

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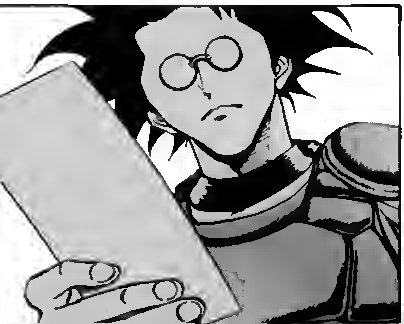
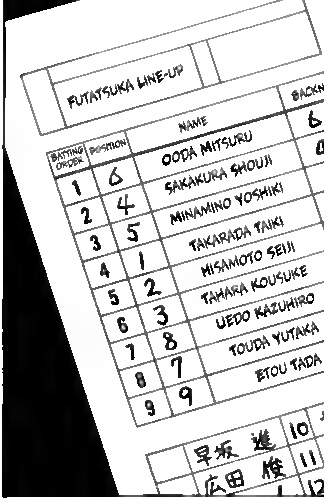
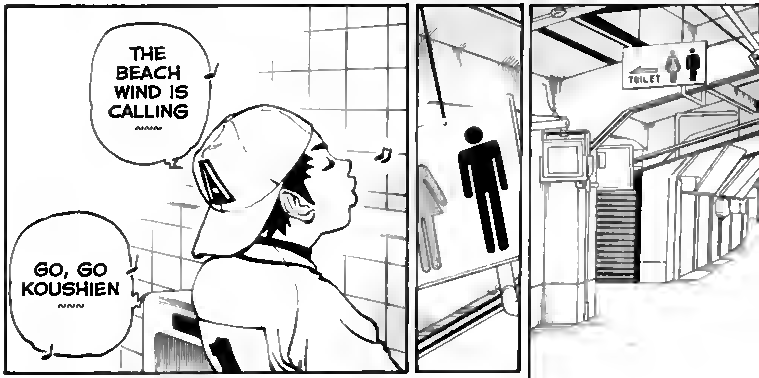
YOU ARE SO COOL...
KOBA-YASHI....



I JUST SAW HIM WARMING UP ...
HE IS ABOVE AVERAGE.
THE PITCHER HAS THE BACK-NUMBER 18?
OH~~ LET ME SEE.


FUTATSUKA LINE-UP
BATTING ORDER
POSITION
NAME
BACKN
1 6 OODA MITSURU 6
2 4 SAKAKURA SHOUJI
3 5 MINAMINO YOSHIKI
4 1 TAKARADA TAKI
5 2 MISAMOTO SEIJI
6 3 TAMARA KOUSUKE
7 8 UEDO KAZUHIRO
8 7 TOUDA YUTAKA
9 9 ETOU TADA
早坂 進 10
広田 検 11

I PLAYED AGAINST HIM BEFORE.
MH, I KNOW THE SB MINAMI-NO-KUN.
ME TOO, SO I'M WORRIED ...
TAKARADA? NEVER HEARD OF HIM.


THE BEACH WIND IS CALLING ~~~
GO, GO KOUSHIEN ~~~
TOILET

ギチャ
SUUN~
SUUN~
SUUN~
SUUN~
LET'S CHASE AFTER THE WHITE BALL~~~
GO, GO KOUSHIEN ~~~
FUHUHU
BUT YOU WON'T GO TO THE KOUSHIEN.
YOU SURE ARE LAID BACK.
WHAT A WEIRD SONG.
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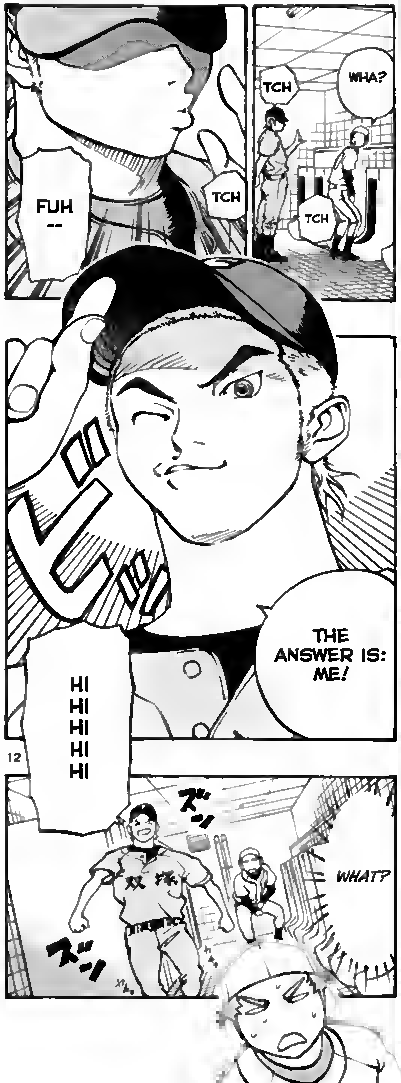
HERE IS A QUIZ FOR YOU!
SPEAKING OF GENIUSES, WHO COMES TO YOUR MIND?
WHAT?
HI HI HI HI HI
THE ANSWER IS: ME!
FUH --
TCH
TCH
TCH
WHA?

FLUSH YOUR SHIT!
YOU ...
HEY WAIT A SEC!
1

STOP US!
NOBODY CAN
NOT EVEN TOUOU --
CAN STOP US!

YOU'RE GOING TOO FAR, KITAROU.
JUST SHIT!
FUTA-TSUKA IS
IN THE END, HE HAD TO FLUSH IT!

14

BUT NOW MY SUMMER CAN CONTINUE.
THESE KIDS MADE IT POSSIBLE!!
MY SUMMER... THAT ENDED ON THAT DAY...
I WILL GET SUZU-NEE TO THE KOUSHIEN!

15
SENSEI!
Ah.
I'll pass.
Coach ~~
Please spare me.
No way!
Sen-sei!
...OK, HERE WE GO.

HERE WE COME, KOUSHIEN!
SMILE IN A PINCH!
GET THE VICTORY!

FIRE
ON!!
AOI-ZAKA HIGH

NUMBER 1 SHORTSTOP, SHIBATA-KUN.
SMASH IT OUT ----!
DO IT!
SHIN-NOS-UKE

LEAVE IT TO ME!

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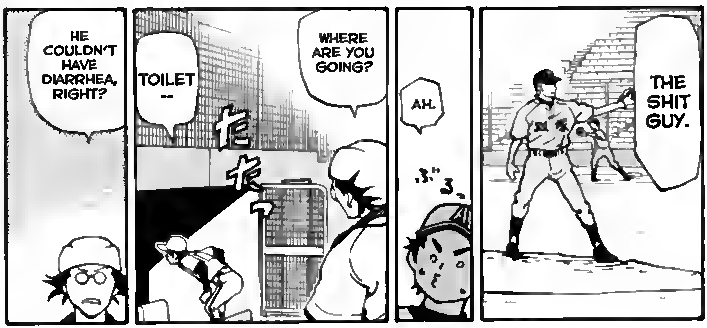
HE COULDN'T HAVE DIARRHEA, RIGHT?
TOILET --
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
AH.
THE SHIT GUY.

But that shirt guy sure was arrogant
ジュア
Besides, why was he using the third-base side's toilet?
SO ANNOYING~
THEN I WILL AIM FOR A STRIKE OUT!
STRIKE-OUT WITH 3 PITCHES WILL

ANNIHI-LATE... THEM...

STRIKE! BATTER OUT!

SHINNO-SUKE, STRUCK OUT ...

WHA- WHA- WHAT'S WITH THAT PITCH-ER?

DOWN!
FIRST ...
TOSHIB
RIN
TOYOTA

A GENIUS!
AFTER ALL, I'M
Futatsuka High School
Number 4 Pitcher
Takarada Taiki
(First-year)

SAIKYOU! TORITSU AOIZAKA KOUKOU YAKYUUBU

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TRANSLATOR: PROZESS

PROOFREADER: ILIKEFOOD

CLEANER: LORDLESTAT & KASEIC

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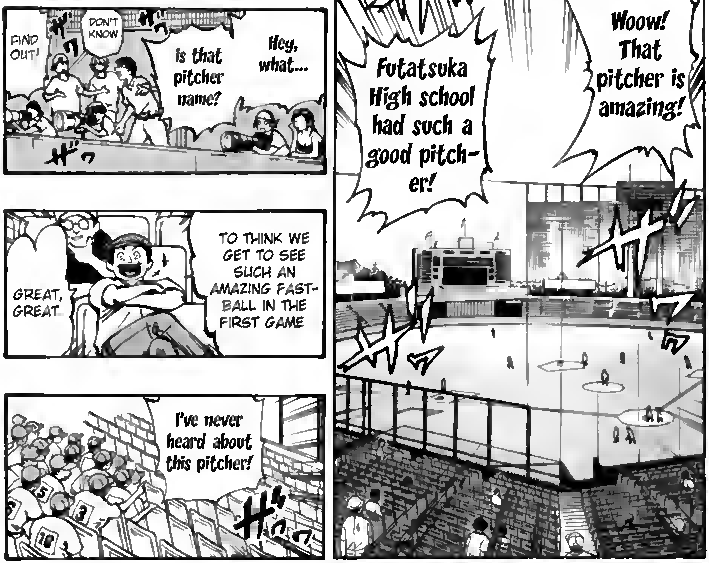
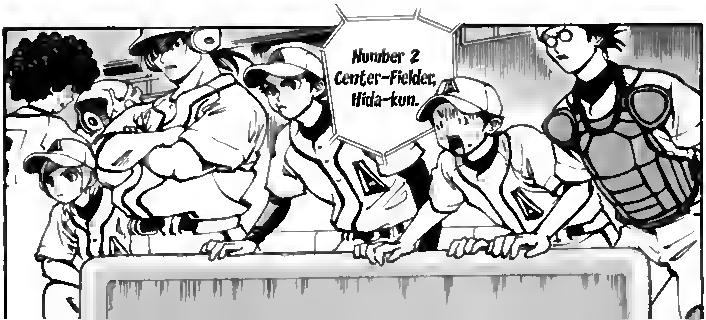
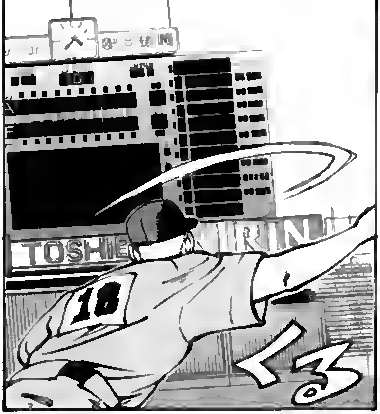

Woow! That pitcher is amazing!
Futatsuka High school had such a good pitcher!
Hey, what...
Is that pitcher name?
DON'T KNOW
FIND OUT!
TO THINK WE GET TO SEE SUCH AN AMAZING FAST-BALL IN THE FIRST GAME
GREAT, GREAT
I've never heard about this pitcher!

CHAPTER 6: STUNNING!!



Who is he??
SHIBA

KIRIN
Cola
URG
Strike!


TOSHI
HRIN
18
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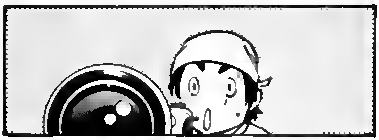

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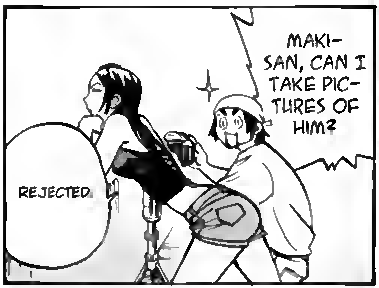
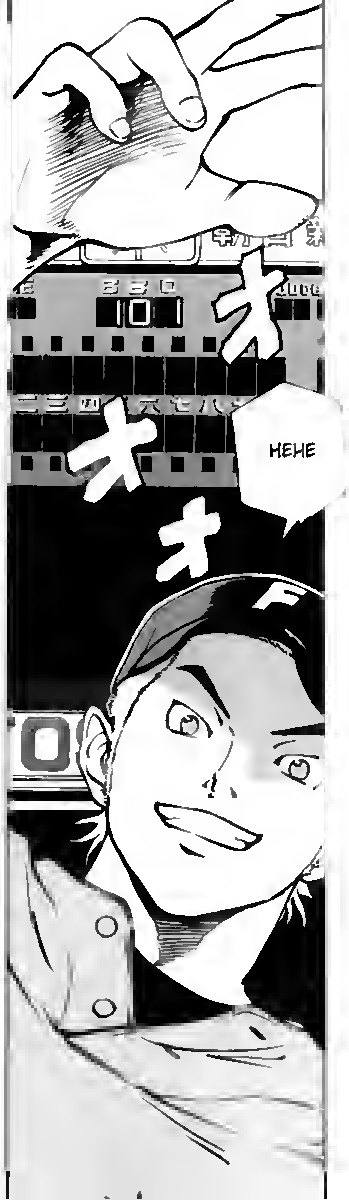

MAKI-SAN, CAN I TAKE PICTURES OF HIM?
REJECTED.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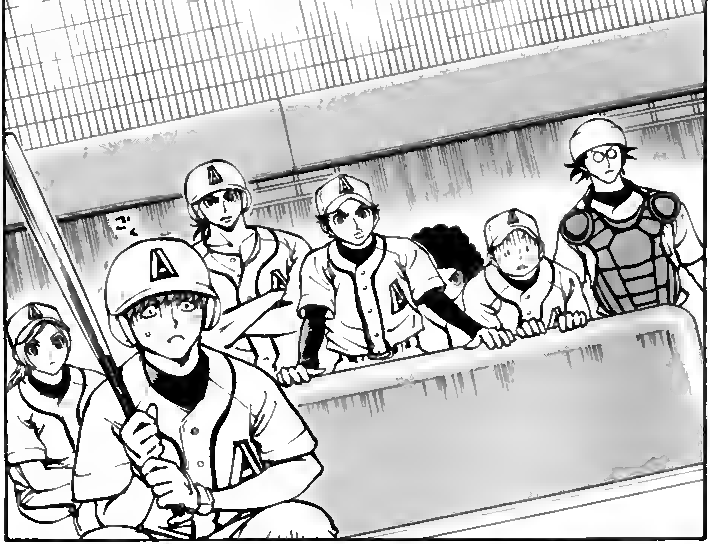

150 km/h?
Hii... That's nearly

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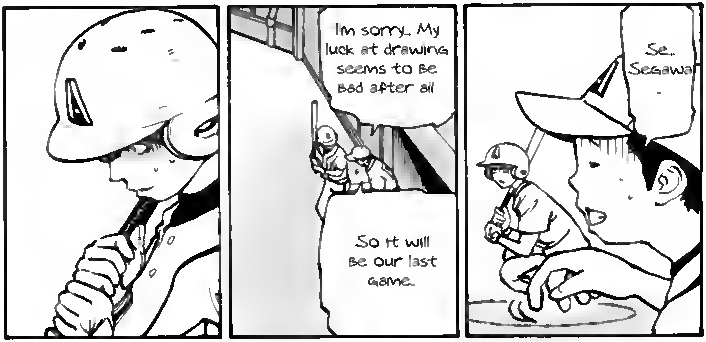
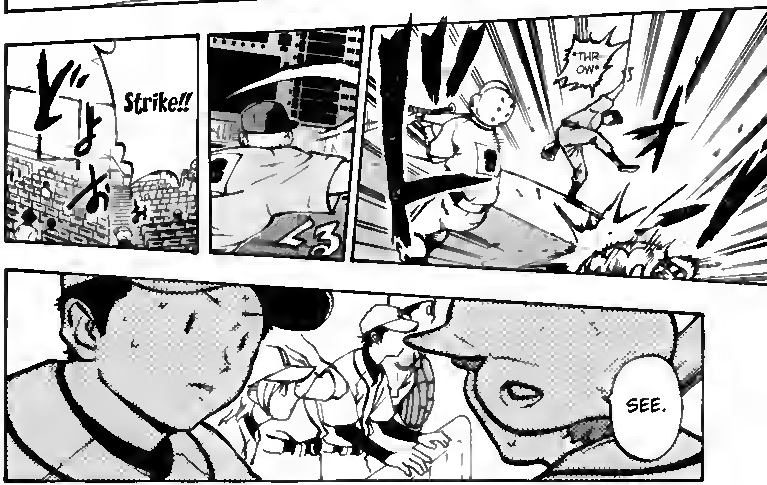
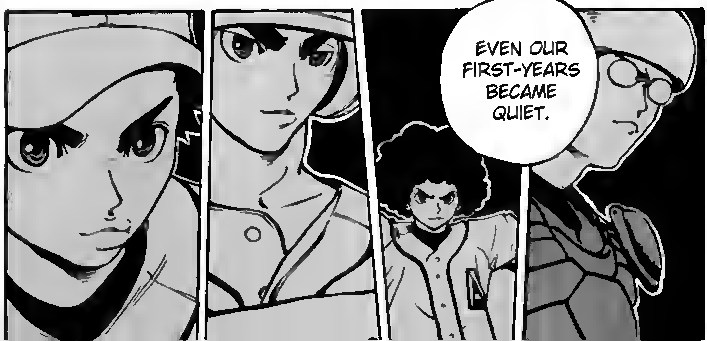
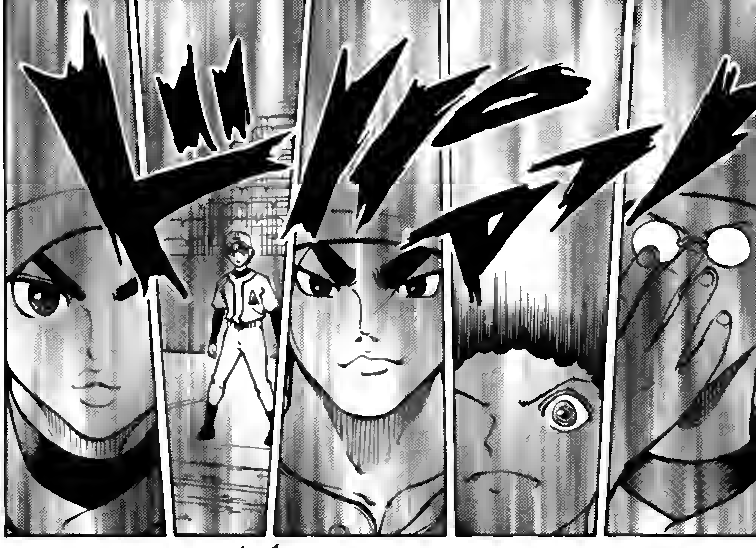

I'm sorry... My luck at drawing seems to be bad after all
So it will be our last game...
Se... Segawa-

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, IMAI...
FACING AN INCREDIBLE PITCHER LIKE HIM,
LEAVES US NO OTHER CHOICE...


Strike!!
THROW
SEE.


EVEN OUR FIRST-YEARS BECAME QUIET.

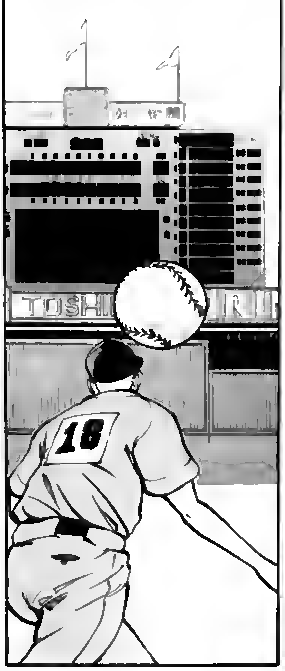
KIRIN
TOYOTA
THROW


Wow!! Two strike-outs in a row!!
SECOND OUT
Strike! Batter out!

SEGAWA -KUN
Short grip... I have to stay calm.

ARE YOU THAT SCARED OF HIM?
.....
HOLD THE BAT LIKE ALWAYS
DON'T FORCE YOUR POWER INTO THE SHOULDERS
.... BUT.
.....
Ok!

Ah!


TOSHI
TOSHIBA
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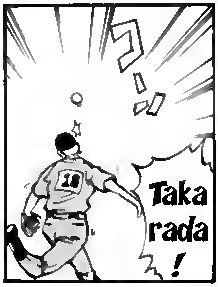
Taka
rada
!

IT BROKE ...
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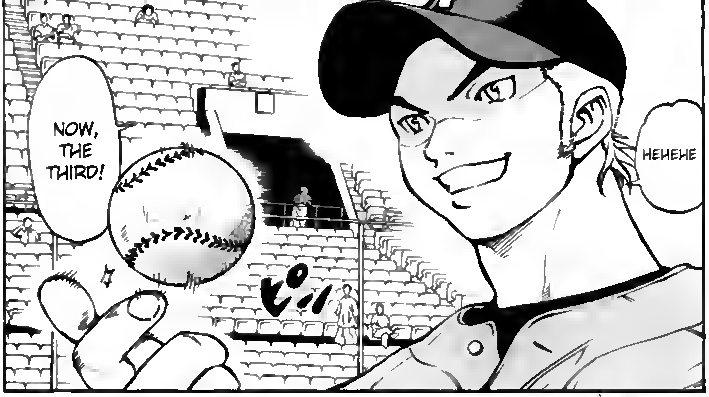
WHA- WHAT DID?

...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THIS IS JUST HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL!!
I CAN'T GET THE SPEED I WANT.
MY SPEED GUN...
YOU MEAN "EXTREME" FASTBALL.
DON'T WORRY. I ASSURE YOU, YOUR FASTBALL WORKS.
LOOK AROUND. THE FANS ARE AMAZED TOO.
COME ON, WE ARE GOING FOR A PERFECT GAME, RIGHT?
SO GET YOURSELF TOGETHER


NOW, THE THIRD!
HEHEHE

Number 3 Left-Fielder, Segawa-kun.
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YOU'RE ALREADY PUTTING ON THE LEG GUARDS, MATSUKATA?
WELL, WE ARE AT TWO OUTS
DOESN'T SEEM LIKELY I'LL GET ON.
13
SENSEI
I'M SURE SEGAWA WILL HIT.
WHAT DID YOU SAY TO HIM?

Not to strike out!

EH?
WHAT?

LIKE IN PRACTICE... BUT!
HIT IT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT

WU

THR-OW

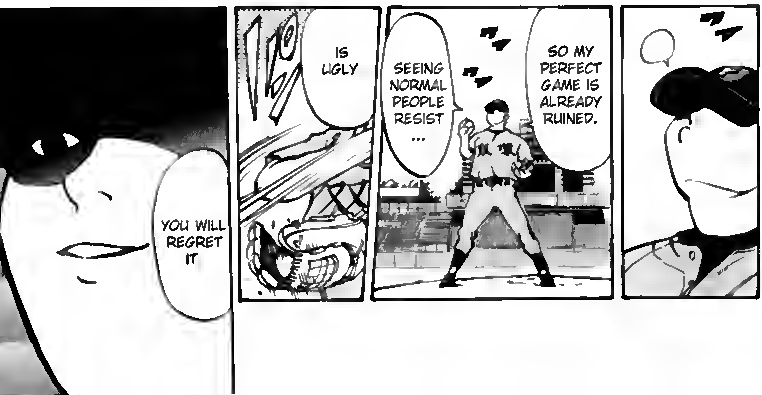
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HITTING
JUST SWING ABOUT
2cm above the ball!
5
!

Ug...
wobble
Oops

HA!
DAMN!
HIS SWING-POWER TRICKED ME, AND I MESSED UP MY TIMING
RUN!
TO FIRST-BASE!

Safe!
セーフ!!
Great!!
Nice run, Segawa!
PANT
PANT

IF SHE HAD SAID, A STRIKE-OUT WOULD BE FINE, MOTIVATION WOULD BE LOST AND SUCH A GOOD SWING WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE.
FOR A FASTBALL, YOU NORMALLY SWING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BALL, BUT COACH TOLD HIM TO JUST HIT AIR AND AIM FOR THE TOP OF THE BALL-GOOD ADVICE.
WITH A GOOD SWING, EVEN AN AVERAGE HIT WILL SHOCK THE FIELDERS
Let's keep going like this!!
Our first hit! We can do it!


YOU WILL REGRET IT
IS UGLY
SEEING NORMAL PEOPLE RESIST ...
SO MY PERFECT GAME IS ALREADY RUINED.

GETTING THE GENIUS, ME, SERIOUS...
HIHI
8
Number 4,
First-Baseman Kobayashi-kun.
I OFFER THIS
ONE HIT TO MY COACH!!

SAIKYOU! TORITSU AOIZAKA KOUKOU YAKYUUBU

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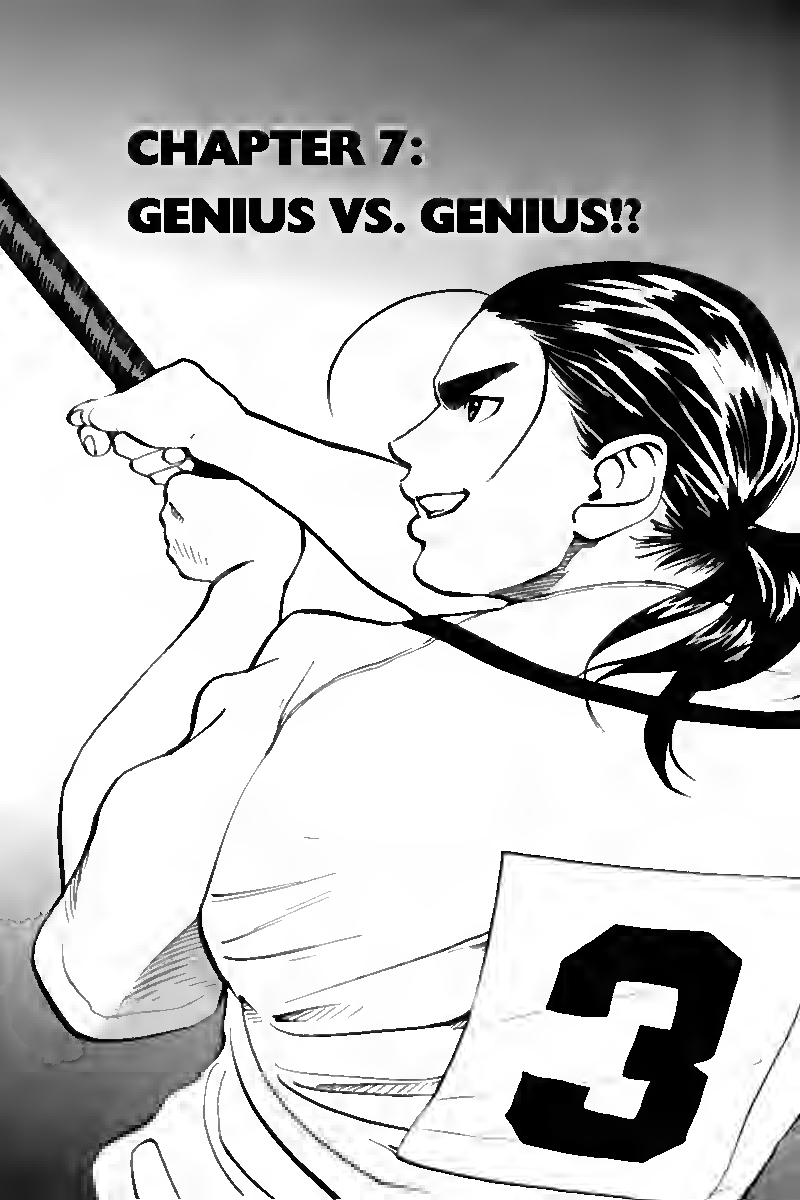
CHAPTER 7:
GENIUS VS. GENIUS!?



GOOD JOB, SEGAWA!
SE-GAWA ..
WOW ...
DAMN
I BET I'LL STRIKE-OUT TOO.
HE STOLE YOUR SHOW, SHINNO-SUKE.

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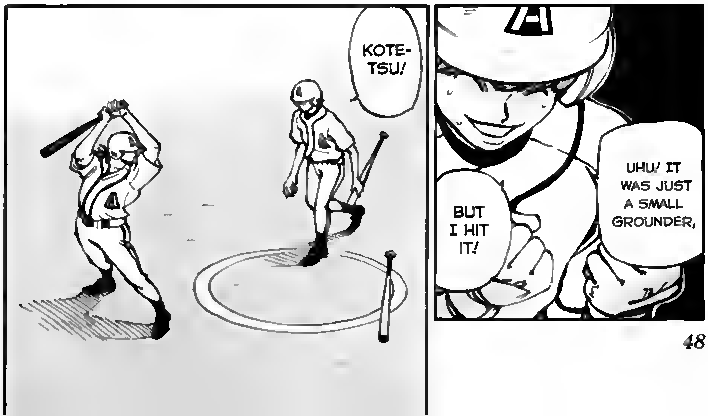
KOTE-TSU!
BUT I HIT IT!
UHU! IT WAS JUST A SMALL GROUNDER,

THAT PITCHER ISN'T JUST ANYONE.
HE ISN'T NORMAL.
SO TO ASSURE OUR WIN, I WANT TO SHAKE HIM UP EARLY.
SO KOTETSU,
MAKE SURE YOU HIT!
SO I GET ON!
3

Do you really think, the great me, holding this bat, would have trouble?
This is the first step towards our long awaited Koushien!

CAN YOU TELL, MASA?
MY BLOOD IS BOILING,
YOU KNOW!
I KNOW.
KOTE-TSU!
BLOW IT AWAY !!
NUMBER 4 FIRST-BASEMAN, KORAYASHI-KUN.
I HAVE WAITED 6 YEARS ...

18
I OFFER THIS HIT

TO MY COACH!

I WON'T GO EASY ANYMORE.
YOU WILL REGRET IT.
MAKING THE GENIUS ME SERIOUS.
DAMN ORDI-NARIES ...
YOU WILL LOOK LAME GETTING STRUCK OUT.
?
HE WASN'T JUST A SHIT-GUY ...
BE CAREFUL, KOTETSU... IF YOU DO IT HALF-ASSED, YOU CAN'T HIT OFF HIM ...
I'M SAYING IT.
AS EXPECTED OF HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL.
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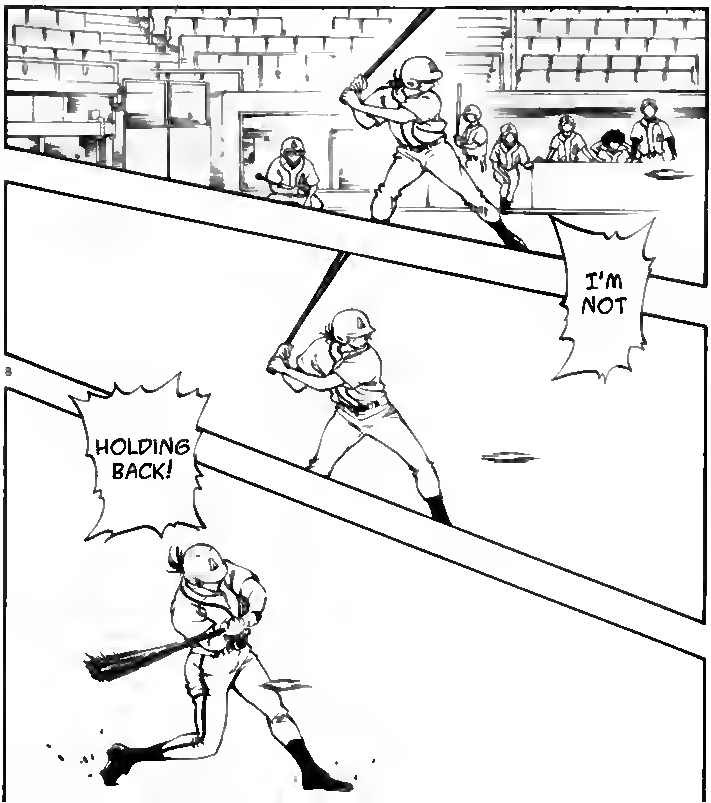
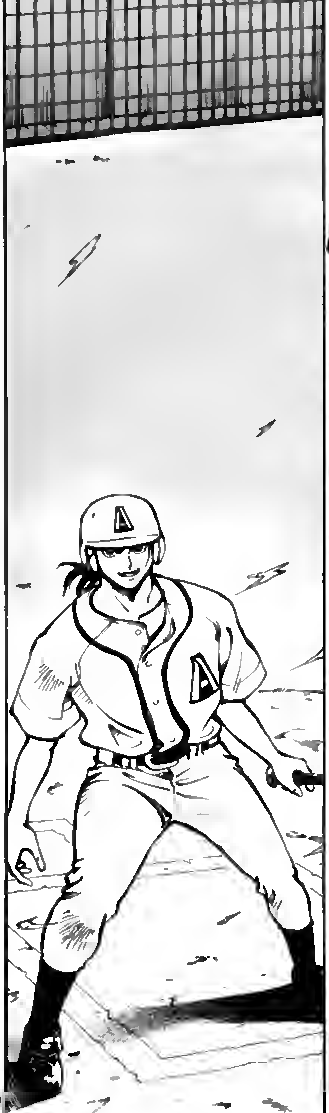
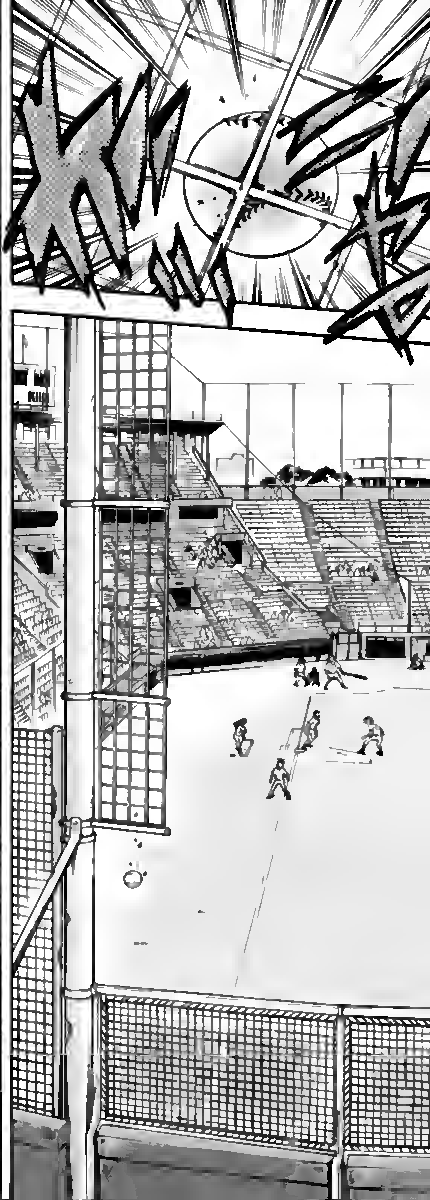
Wwar!

HEH


I'M NOT
HOLDING BACK!

Coca-Cola
TOYOTA





A HOME RUN!!
YOU'RE KIDDING...
HE HIT TAKARADA'S PITCH SO EASILY...
TO THE RIGHT...
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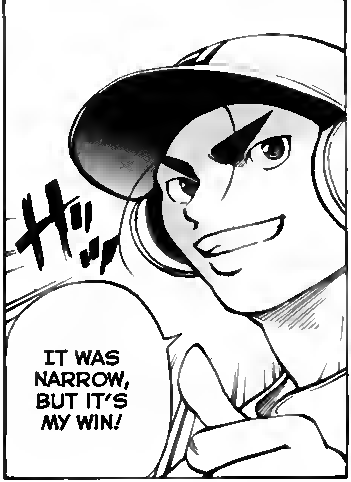
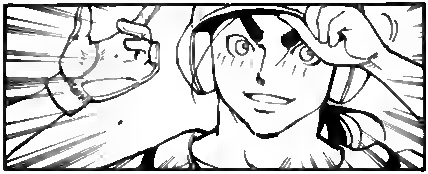
Why is someone like him at a public school?
WHAT A GREAT PITCH, PITCHER.


IT WAS NARROW, BUT IT'S MY WIN!

I PLANNED TO HIT IT INTO THE LEFT STANDS ...
BUT SWINGING TOO HARD MADE IT GO TO THE RIGHT.



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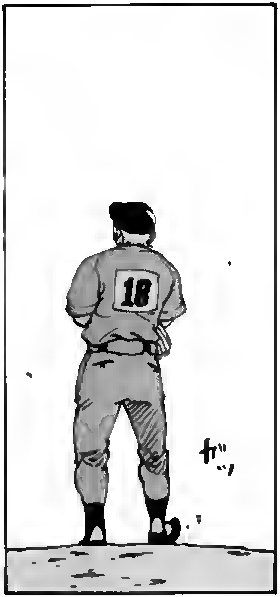
KOTE-TSU!!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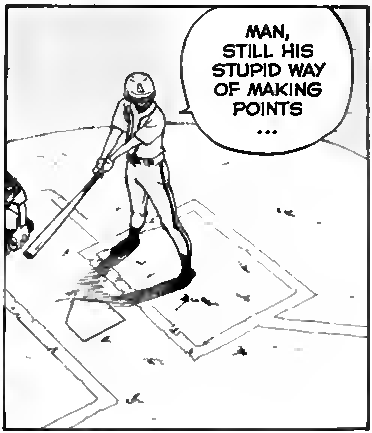
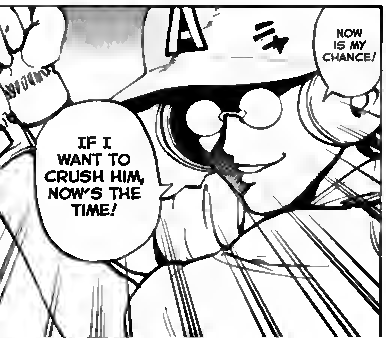
COACH ---!!


MAN, STILL HIS STUPID WAY OF MAKING POINTS ...


NOW IS MY CHANCE!
IF I WANT TO CRUSH HIM, NOW'S THE TIME!

DAMN!
I COULDN'T HIT IT.
SHIT.
STRIKE! BATTER OUT!

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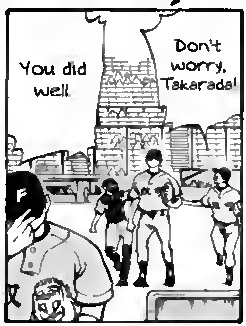
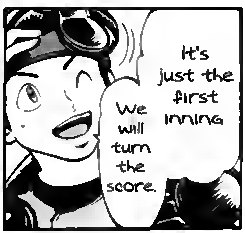
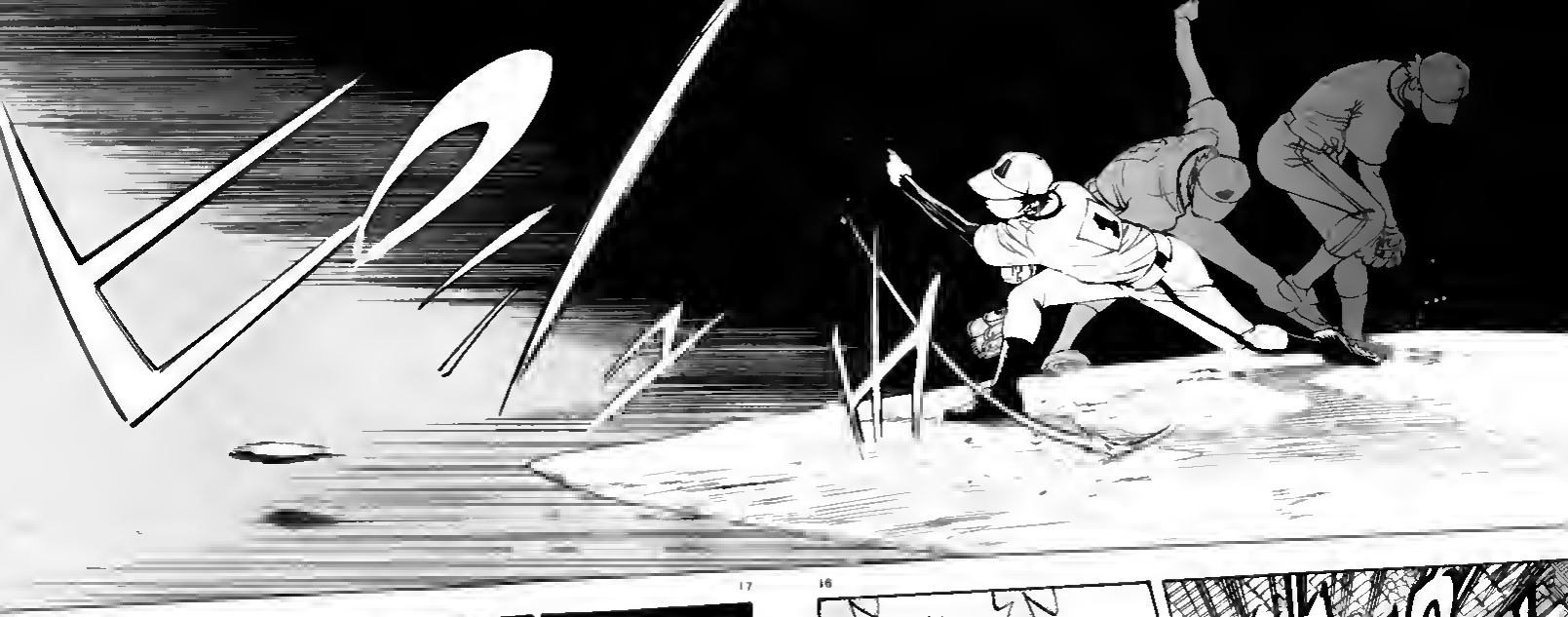
ONLY A GENIUS COULD HIT
A PITCH FROM A GENIUS, RIGHT?
COME AGAIN?


You did well.
Don't worry, Takarada!


We will turn the score.
It's just the first inning.

I'M OFF.
SUZU-NEE,
AOI HIGH, FIRE!!

HIT IT! HIT... IT...
LET'S SCORE SOME POINTS AS WELL!
JUST THE NUMBER 4 IS DANGER-OUS!
THEY ARE JUST A PUBLIC SCHOOL!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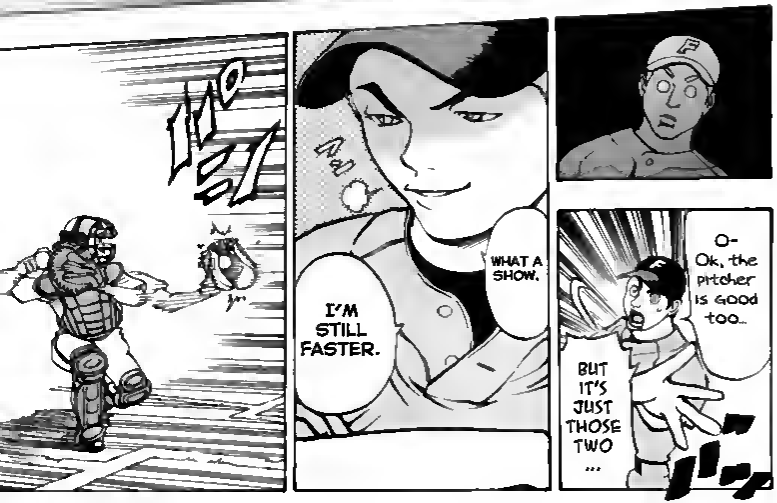
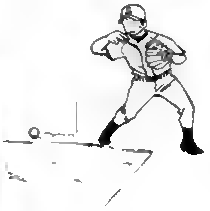

I'M STILL FASTER.
WHAT A SHOW.
O-Ok, the pitcher is good too..
BUT IT'S JUST THOSE TWO ...

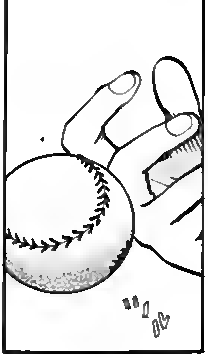
SO LOW!! IT'S NEARLY HITTING THE GROUND!!
IT'S A LEFT-HANDED SUBMA-RINE!
AND ALSO FAST!!

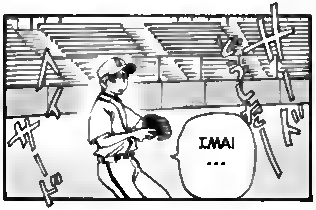
SECOND!
OKAY!
HEA-VE-
HO.
SHORT-STOP!

I don't feel right playing baseball with these guys...
I can only get hits into the infield.
I feel so wrong here...
Well... perhaps the Second-Baseman and Short-Stop too...

SEE? THE THIRD-BASEMAN ISN'T ANYTHING SPECIAL!!



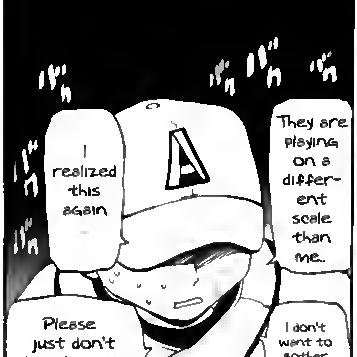


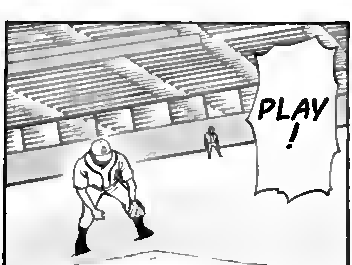

IMAI ...

HE IS THE WEAKSPOT!!
WEAK~~~ SPOT~~~!!

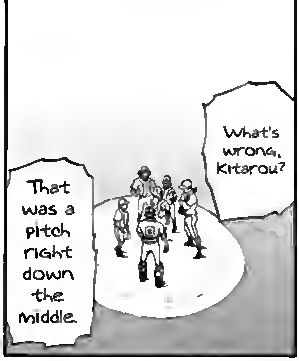
DON'T WORRY, CAP-TAIN!
JUST CALM DOWN!!

Shut up, you idiots!


I realized this again
They are playing on a different scale than me...
Please just don't let the ball come here...
I don't want to bother them


PLAY!

A HIT IN FRONT OF THE CENTER-FIELDER!
YEAH~~~~
NICE BATTING!!


What's wrong, Kitarou?
That was a pitch right down the middle.

Kita-ooji?

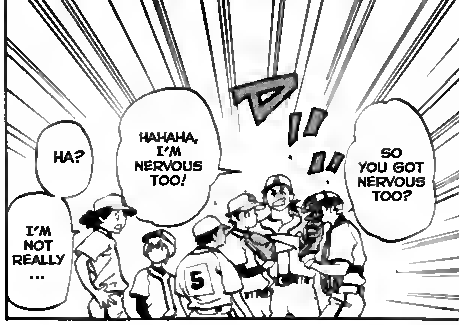
Eeh?

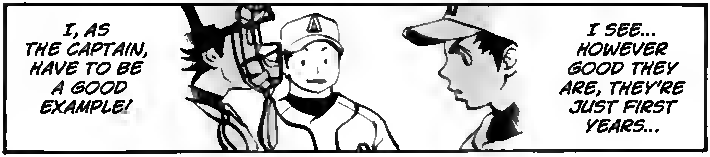
Shit, I'm so nervous!!

GET A GRIP, KITAROU.

Eh??
THE USUALLY VERY CONFIDENT KITAROU IS NOW...?

AH!
YEAH, RIGHT! I'M SUPER NERVOUS!


HA?
HAHAHA, I'M NERVOUS TOO!
SO YOU GOT NERVOUS TOO?
I'M NOT REALLY ...


I, AS THE CAPTAIN, HAVE TO BE A GOOD EXAMPLE!
I SEE... HOWEVER GOOD THEY ARE, THEY'RE JUST FIRST YEARS...

AOI HIGH, FIRE
ON!!
You'll feel better if we shout together!!
Ahaha, it's normal to be nervous!

YEAH.
HE SEEMED TO HAVE CALMED DOWN.
THEN LET'S CLEAN UP THAT RUNNER WE ALLOWED ON.

LET'S GO, KITA-ROU!!
OKAY, MASA-HARU!!

FIRST !!
SECOND !!
THIRD!!
Argh, damn. Calm down...
OUT!
T- TWO OUTS!!
NICE DOUBLE PLAY!!
WE ARE ROCKING!!

SAIKYOU! TORITSU AOIZAKA KOUKOU YAKYUUBU

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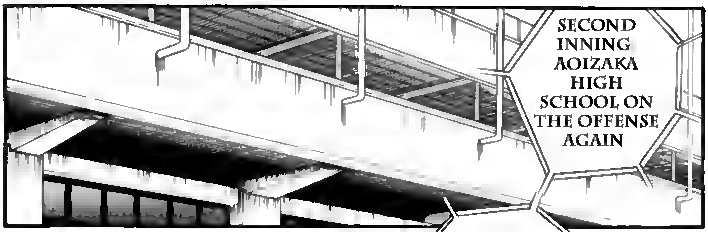
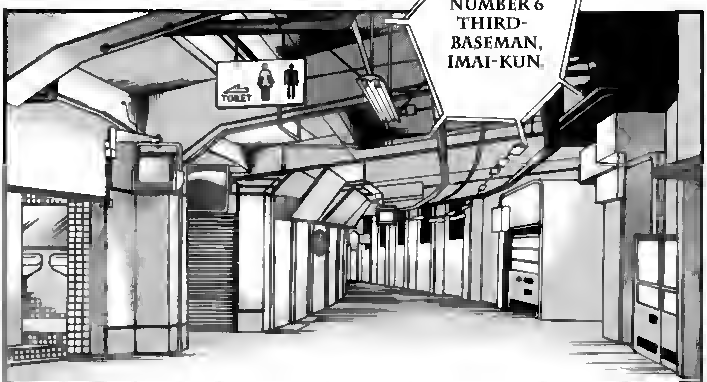
CHAPTER 8:
DON'T GET CONCEITED!


SECOND INNING AOIZAKA HIGH SCHOOL ON THE OFFENSE AGAIN


NUMBER 6 THIRD-BASEMAN, IMAI-KUN.
TOILET

OK, BASH IT AWAY!!
NUMBER 7 RIGHT-FIELDER, DAIBUTSU-KUN.
I'm sorry. I struck out.
DON'T WORRY IT WAS JUST YOUR FIRST TIME
YOU SWUNG WELL, THERE.
DAIBUTSU! AIM 2CM ABOVE THE BALL! 2CM ABOVE!!
MA~SA~RU!
MA~SA~RU!
OK, NEXT TIME I WILL ...
DEFI-NITELY HIT!

BATTER OUT!
STRIKE!
18
OK
SO FAR ALL OF HIS OUTS HAVE BEEN STRIKE OUTS!!
THAT'S HIS FIFTH STRIKE OUT!

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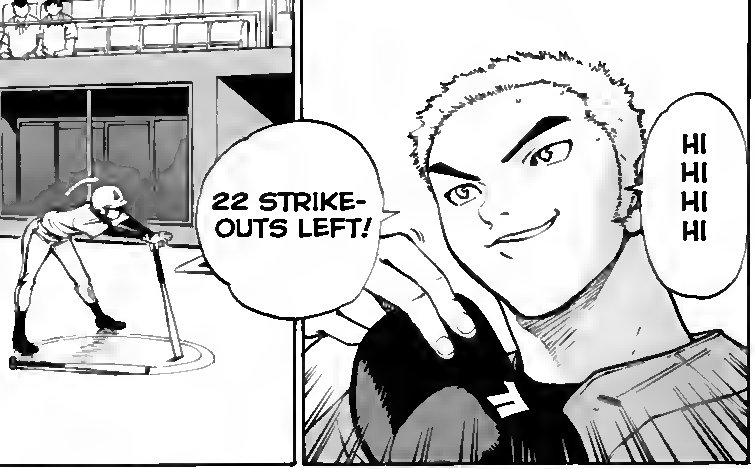
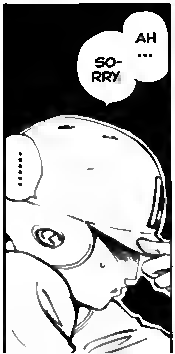
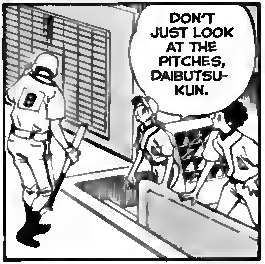
AND HIS SPEED IS GETTING FASTER!!
AND HERE I THOUGHT THAT PITCHER WOULD COLLAPSE, WHEN HE GAVE UP TWO RUNS.


HI HI HI HI
22 STRIKE-OUTS LEFT!

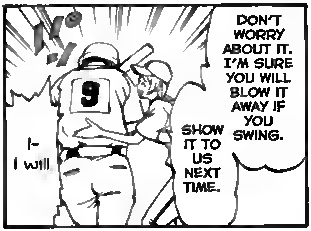
DON'T GET CON-CEITED, SHIT-GUY!

AH!


AH ...
SO-RRY.
.....


DON'T JUST LOOK AT THE PITCHES, DAIBUTSU-KUN.

I couldn't quite muster my power to swing.
I'm really sorry.

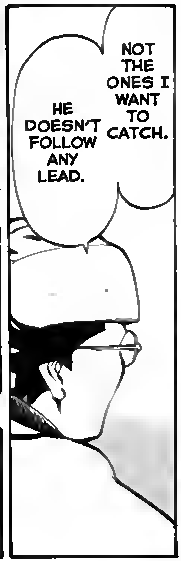

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I'M SURE YOU WILL BLOW IT AWAY IF YOU SWING.
SHOW IT TO US NEXT TIME.
I- I will

IT'S NO FUN JUST STANDING THERE, RIGHT?

EH?

AS EXPECTED OF OUR CATCHER ...

YEAH ...
THAT'S A COMPLIMENT.


NOT THE ONES I WANT TO CATCH.
HE DOESN'T FOLLOW ANY LEAD.

HOW ARE HIS PITCHES REALLY?
ANY GOOD?

I'M BATTING NINTH, SO I HOPE HE WILL LET HIS GUARD DOWN.
TL NOTE: MOUND DISTANCE: ~18M
YEAH, YEAH. THE BALL IS REALLY HUMMING.
LIKE IT'S JUST 5.. NO 7 OR 8 METERS IN FRONT OF YOU.
IT FEELS LIKE THE MOUND ISN'T FAR AWAY.
MHM, I SEE.
WELL... BUT,

SO GO WITH ALL YOUR POWER!
BASEBALL BEGINS WITH 2 OUTS!

KOTETSU'S 2 RUNS ARE POTENT.

ONE HIT WITH ALL YOU GOT, KITAROU
SEND IT FLYING, KITAROU
NUMBER 8 PITCHER, KITAOOJI-KUN.

HUH?

FUCK YOU, SHIT-GUY!
TO THE KOU-SHIEN?
DIDN'T I SAY, YOU WOULDN'T MAKE IT
HEY! WATCH WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!
STOP WITH THE INSULTING PROVOCA-TIONS!
THAT WAS REALLY TERRIBLE!
MAKES YOU WONDER WHAT HE ATE
IT KILLED MY NOSE!
SO HE DIDN'T FLUSH IT AGAIN.

IF WE WASTE OUR TIME HERE, KOU-CHAN WILL LAUGH AT US.
YOU WILL REPEAT THOSE TEARS.
LET'S HURRY UP AND END THIS ALREADY.

INSTEAD OF SAYING "NO GOOD", DOESN'T IT SEEM MORE LIKE HE HAS NO INTEREST IN IT?
THAT'S WHY HE IS NO GOOD AT BATTING...
HEY, KITAROU!! CONCENTRATE!!

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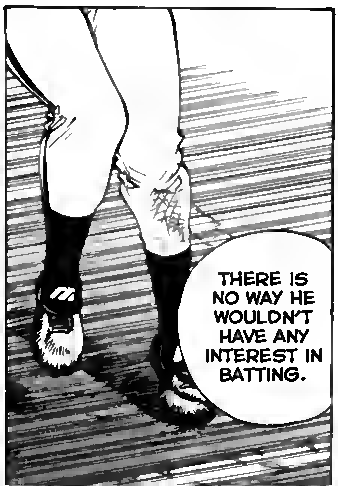
MH?


THERE IS NO WAY HE WOULDN'T HAVE ANY INTEREST IN BATTING.

THAT GUY
WITH SUCH A BATTING STANCE ...

IT'S THE ONE-LEGGED BATTING STANCE!
WHAT A WEIRDO~
YOU WON'T HIT!
HIT 2CM ABOVE THE BALL!!

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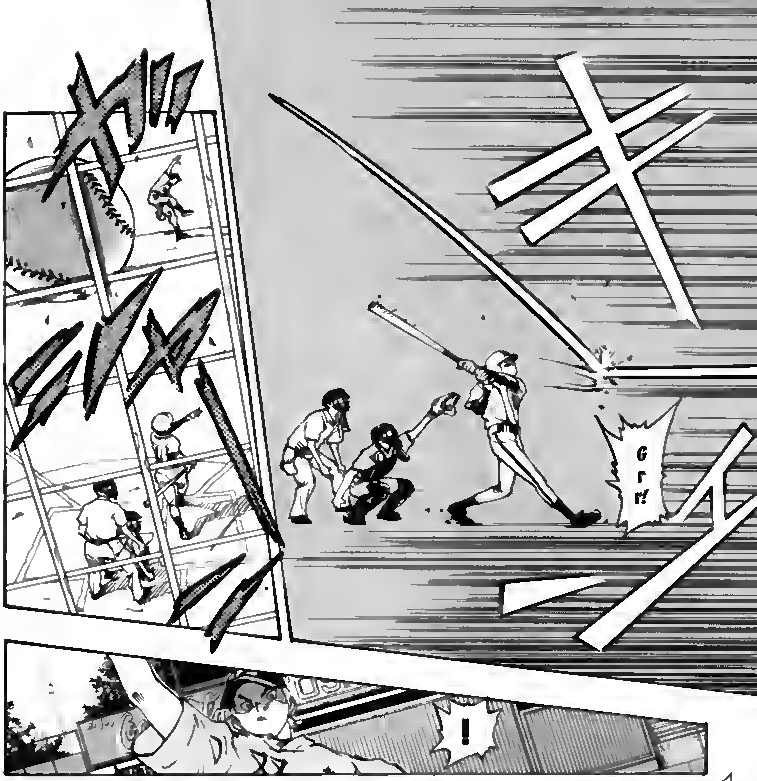
STRIKE!
YOU SWING TOO LATE!
NO!
I PULLED BACK MIDWAY.
...SWINGING 2CM ABOVE THE BALL?
HIHI, JUST AN ORDINARY ...

THEN ...
I JUST HAVE TO SWING 3CM ABOVE THE BALL!!
HI
HI
HI


CRY!
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SO HE HAS A GOOD SENSE!
BUT HE HIT!
WHAT A BORING WAY TO CORNER HIM. .
WHAT AN IDIOT.. THAT WAS A BALL HOWEVER YOU LOOK AT IT.
FOUL !!
STRIKE TWO!!

FOUL!
DON'T BE ARRO-GANT!
"throw"
OH, HE IS PERSIS-TENT!!
FOUL!
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KITAOOJI IS AMAZING!
FOUL!
WHAT IS THAT IDIOT DOING?
PLEASE BE CAREFUL OF THE FOUL BALLS
ONE OF HIS BAD HABITS CAME OUT ...
.....

HEY.
OHO, HE REALLY IS PERSIS-TENT. THE NEXT PITCH IS NUMBER 14.
3-2, A FULL COUNT!
BALL!

YOU KNOW, I CAN SEE THE SEAMS OF THE BALL.
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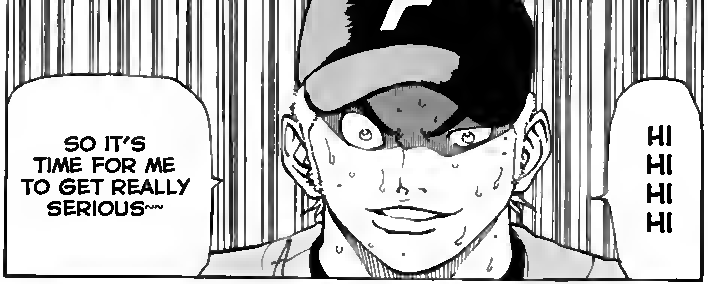
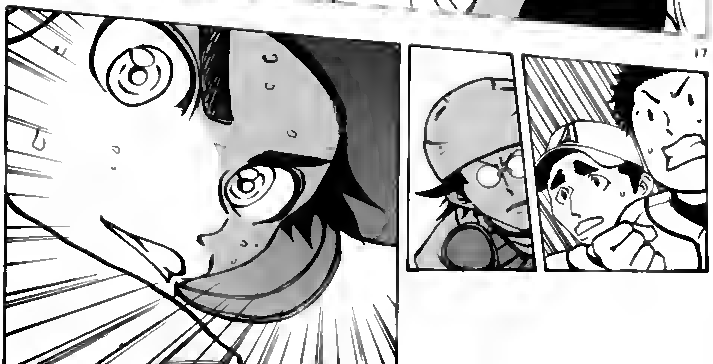

SO IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GET REALLY SERIOUS~~
HI HI HI HI



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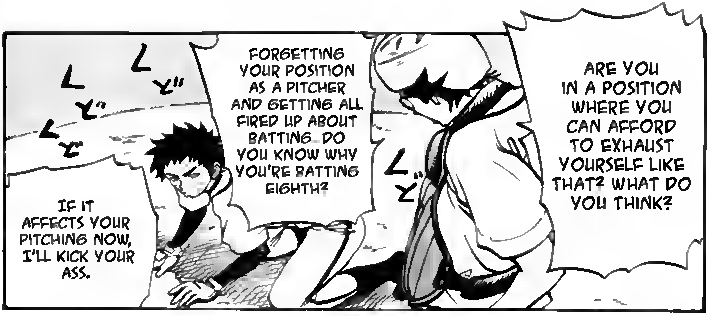
"DAMN"
"DAMN"
THIRD DOWN ...
CHAN-GE!
STRIKE! BATTER OUT!
D-

"DAMN" MY ASS!
AMN!!


ARE YOU IN A POSITION WHERE YOU CAN AFFORD TO EXHAUST YOURSELF LIKE THAT? WHAT DO YOU THINK?
FORGETTING YOUR POSITION AS A PITCHER AND GETTING ALL FIRED UP ABOUT BATTING. DO YOU KNOW WHY YOU'RE BATTING EIGHTH?
IF IT AFFECTS YOUR PITCHING NOW, I'LL KICK YOUR ASS.

WE MEET A FAST PITCHER AND THIS HAPPENS ...
SO YOU THINK HE IS BETTER THAN ME?
I NEVER SAID THAT!

FOR NOW CALM DOWN AND CATCH YOUR BREATH.
... I WILL RETURN THIS FAVOR!
HE IS SO CONCEITED, EVEN THOUGH I'M FASTER.
NUMBER 4 PITCHER, TAKARADA-KUN
I'LL SHOW YOU THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A GENIUS AND AN ORDINARY PLAYER.
HI HI HI

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GOOD
FUTATSUKA HIGH SCHOOL'S SECOND OFFENSE.
NUMBER 4 PITCHER, TAKARADA-KUN.
I'M THROWING,
AND ALSO BATTING.
CHAPTER 09:
IT'S GREEN, KITAROU!
WE WILL CATCH UP SOON ENOUGH.

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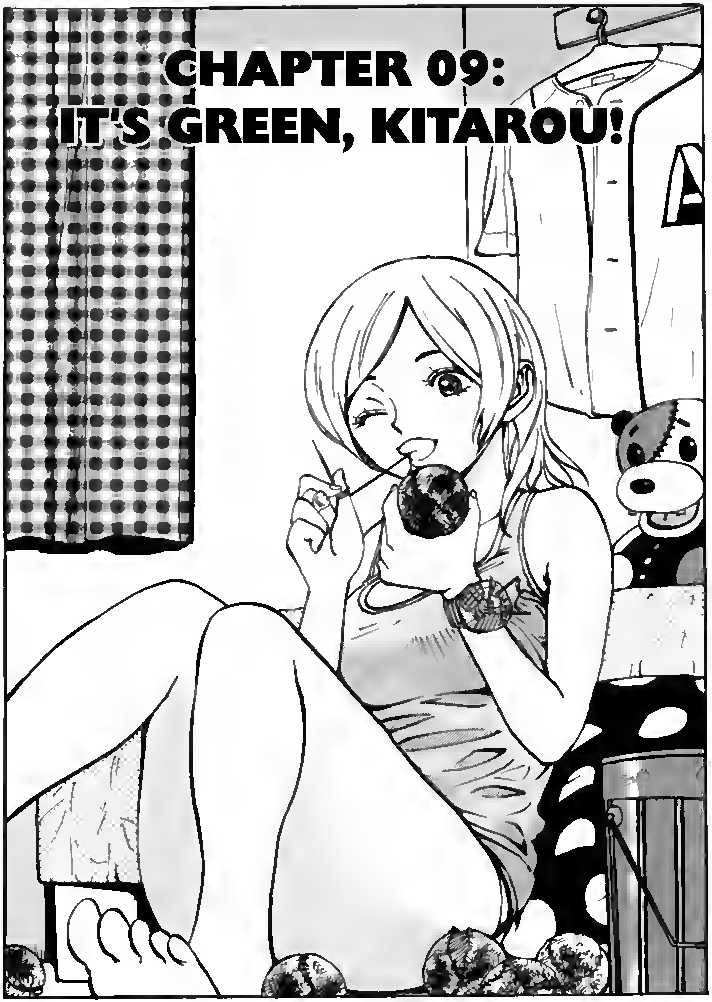

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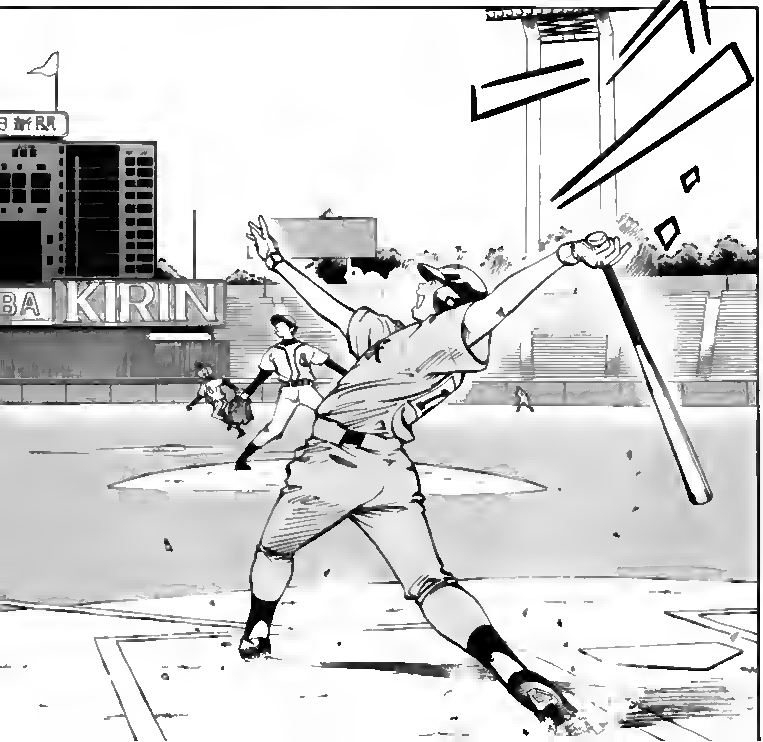
KIRIN

FOUL!
FOUL!

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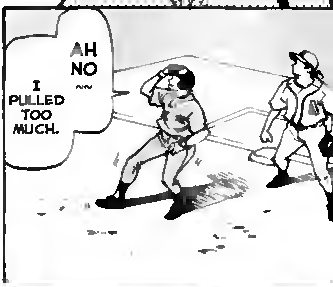
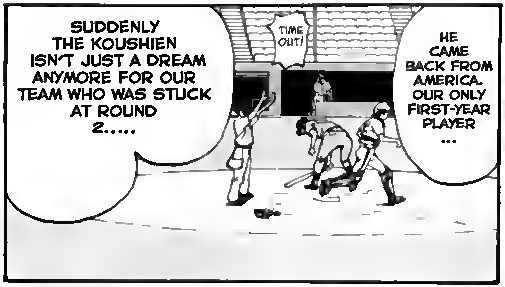
AIM FOR
CONCENTRATE ON THE NEXT ONE, TAKARADA!
A HOMERUN!!

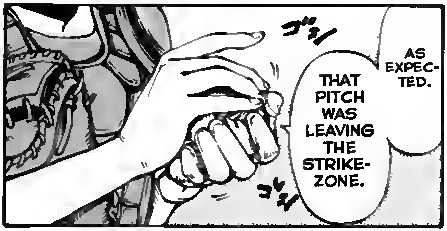

AH NO ~~
I PULLED TOO MUCH.

THE BALL WAS JUST TOO SLOW.


SUDDENLY THE KOUSHIEN ISN'T JUST A DREAM ANYMORE FOR OUR TEAM WHO WAS STUCK AT ROUND 2.....
TIME OUT!
HE CAME BACK FROM AMERICA. OUR ONLY FIRST-YEAR PLAYER ...

HE REALLY IS OUR STAR.

WITHOUT A DOUBT THIS SUMMER HE WILL SHINE.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AS EXPEC-TED.
THAT PITCH WAS LEAVING THE STRIKE-ZONE.
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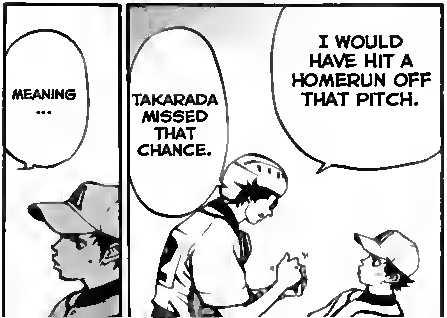
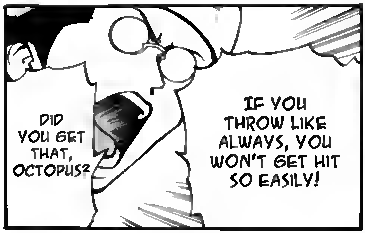
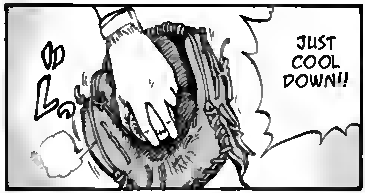

MEANING ...
TAKARADA MISSED THAT CHANCE.
I WOULD HAVE HIT A HOMERUN OFF THAT PITCH.


DID YOU GET THAT, OCTOPUS?
IF YOU THROW LIKE ALWAYS, YOU WON'T GET HIT SO EASILY!

HE ISN'T SUCH A GREAT BATTER.


JUST COOL DOWN!!

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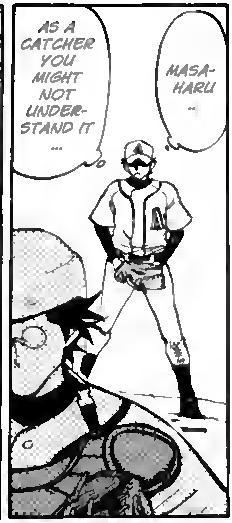
BUT AS A FELLOW PITCHER, I DON'T WANT TO LOSE TO HIM.


AS A CATCHER YOU MIGHT NOT UNDER-STAND IT ...
MASA-HARU ..

LET'S BRING THEM DOWN!!
Because he pulled so much, -
I don't think it will come here.
LOOKS BAD ....
HIDA, GO A BIT MORE TO THE LEFT.
I won't let him hit
He struck me out,
so he will get the same.
YOUR BACK IS SAYING SOMETHING DIFFERENT ...
COME ON!
JUST COME TO ME!!

I SAID, I WILL STRIKE HIM OUT.

SP
GO, GO.
HIT IT!
TAKA-KADA!
THAT'S NO GOOD, KITA-ROU.
YOU!!
I WON'T LOSE TO...

LOOKS SO CHILDISH ...
IF YOU JUST WANT TO BOAST WITH YOUR SKILLS, THERE IS NO NEED FOR A TEAM.
THIS IS BASE-BALL?
WITH ONLY THIS, YOU PLAN TO GO AGAINST OUR TOUOU ....
ABSURD.
YEAH.

"Yeah" my ass.
FOUL !!
He can hit it!!
TAKARADA HAS THE RIGHT TIMING!!

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AMA-TEUR.
IF YOU DON'T HIT IT FORWARDS, THERE IS NO MEANING IN HITTING
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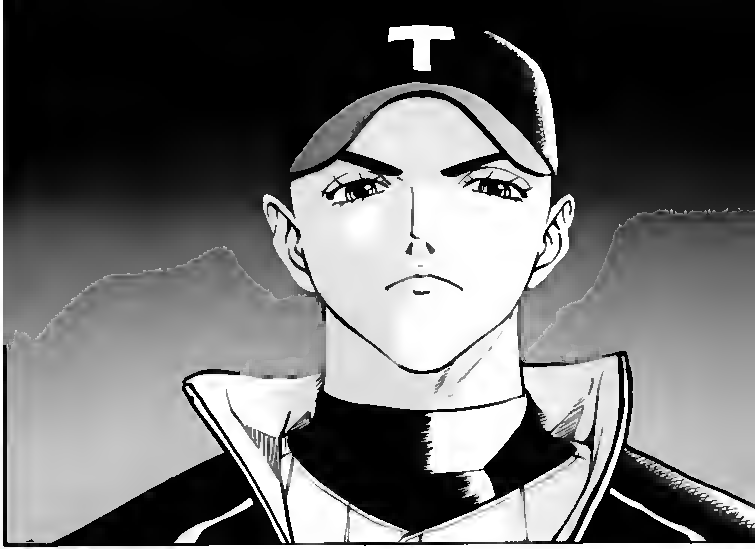
KOU-CHIN!!



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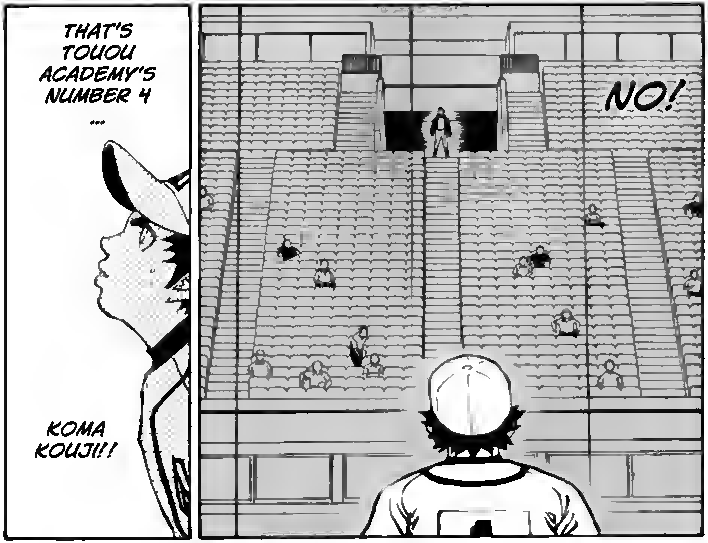

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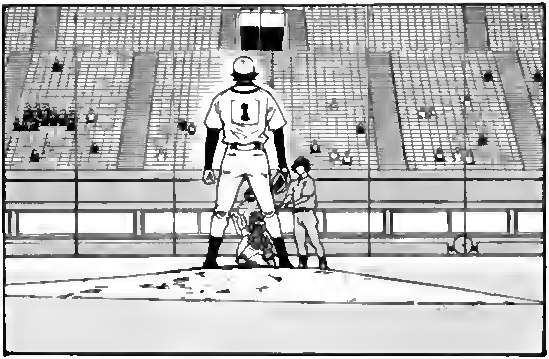

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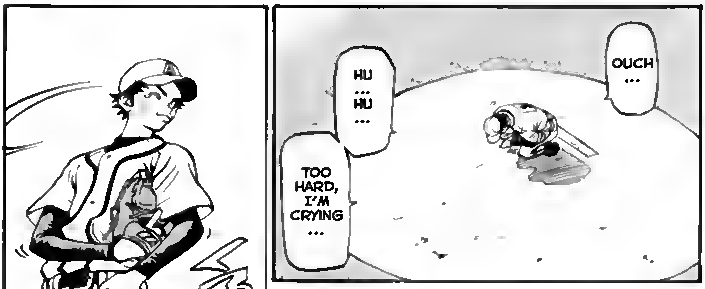

I WILL LET HIM HIT!!!
I LEAVE IT TO YOU!

YE-
YEAH!
LEAVE IT TO US!
GOOD.
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I'm sorry to disappoint you, defenders.
But I'm going to hit a homerun!

16

IT'S STILL GREEN, KITAROU.

HI
HI
HI
JUST WAIT FOR ME,
KOU-CHIN!!

STRIKE!! BATTER OUT!!
FA-
FA-
FAST!!
WHAT'S WITH THAT SPEED?

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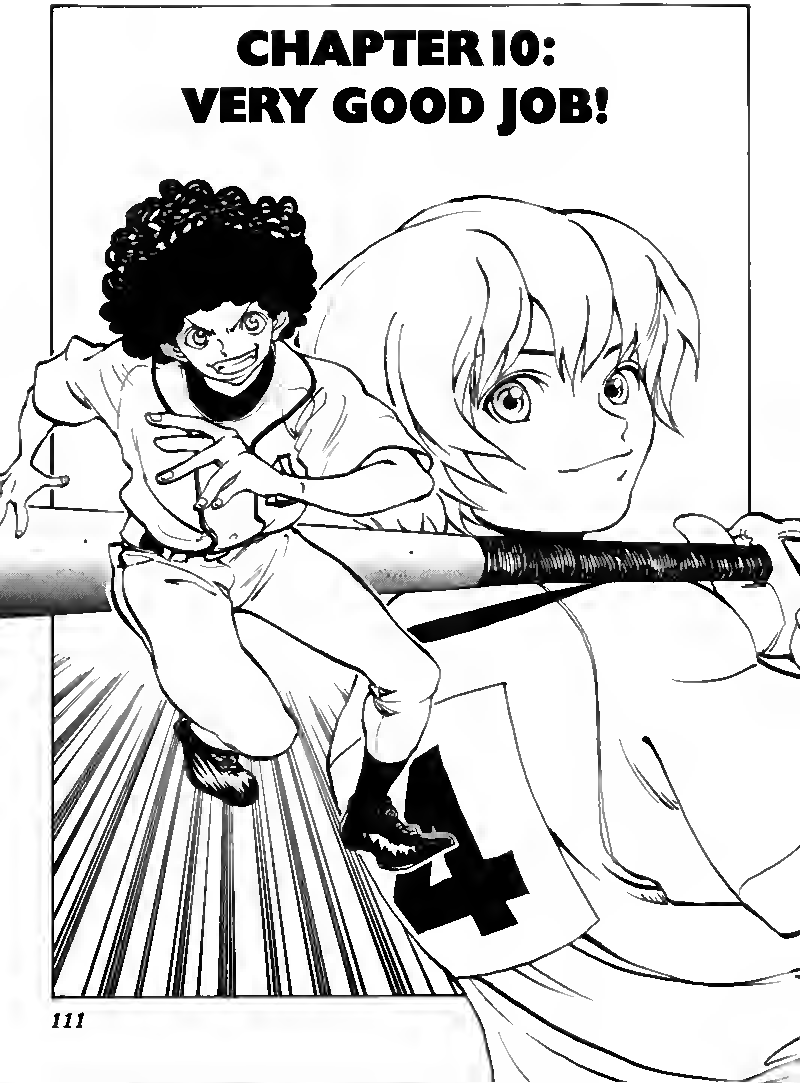
CHAPTER 10:
VERY GOOD JOB!



BATTER OUT!!
STRIKE!! BATTER OUT!!

I've never heard of such a good pitcher going to a public school
And here I thought we would have an easy opponent.
3 strike-outs!
His speed is on par with Takarada
OK!
LET'S GO!
They have someone who hit a homerun off Takarada, but...
Do we have someone who can hit that left-handed under-throw?

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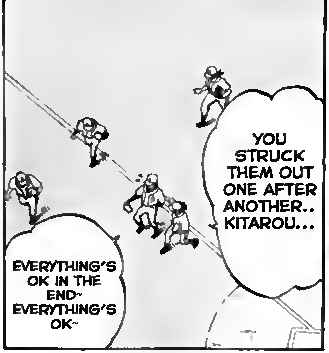
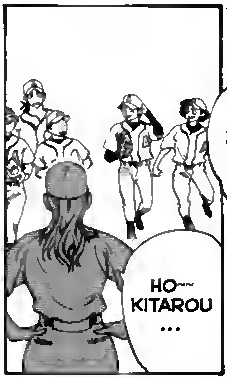

YOU STRUCK THEM OUT ONE AFTER ANOTHER.. KITAROU...
EVERYTHING'S OK IN THE END~ EVERYTHING'S OK~

WHAT HAPPENED TO "I WILL LET THEM HIT"?

GETTING SUDDENLY FIRED UP, REALLY HELPED.


HO~~ KITAROU ...

RIGHT?
WELL, THERE IS NO WAY TO WIN A MATCH WITHOUT THROWING THIS FAST.

TODAY HE CAME TO HIS SENSES QUICKLY, BUT...
GEEZ ...
NEED THE TOILET!
HEY, DON'T RUN AWAY.
WE DON'T KNOW WHEN HE WILL GO OUT OF CONTROL AGAIN,
SO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM!
I UNDER-STAND, COACH!

BUT FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL, THEY SURE HAVE GOOD PLAYERS.
KIKURA MIDDLE'S KITAROU ...
ICHIJOU SHINIA'S KOBAYASHI SUMI MIDDLE'S MATSUKATA...
JUST A COINCI-DENCE?
IT'S TOUOU
WHAT A PRESENCE
... NO.

THEY'RE JUST SOME LECHERS AFTER THE COACH, RIGHT?
I also want to be handled by her---
By her breasts?
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BUT APPARENTLY THE REASON IS, THEY SAID THEY WOULD TAKE HER TO THE KOUSHIEN.

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WE COULD TAKE HER THERE NUMEROUS TIMES.
THAT'S JUST RIDICULOUS ...

I WILL GIVE MY UTMOST BEST!
UKYOU!
I LEAVE IT TO YOU!
7
AOIZAKA HIGH-SCHOOL'S THIRD OFFENSE,
NUMBER 9 SECOND-BASEMAN, UMEMIYA-KUN
FUJITA, HE'S UP!
...YES, I GET IT, MAKI-SAN.
FU***SHIT!
what??

EH? I WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME.
FUJITA, GO OVER THERE!
THE ANGLE! THE ANGLE IS IMPORTANT!
HA, HE IS A LEFT-HANDED BATTER.
I CAN ONLY SEE HIS BACK FROM HERE!!
Y-YES.
2
TREAT ME WELL.

F
But I'm a cruel pitcher
It might be a bit too much for that little kid,
Hihi, what a shame
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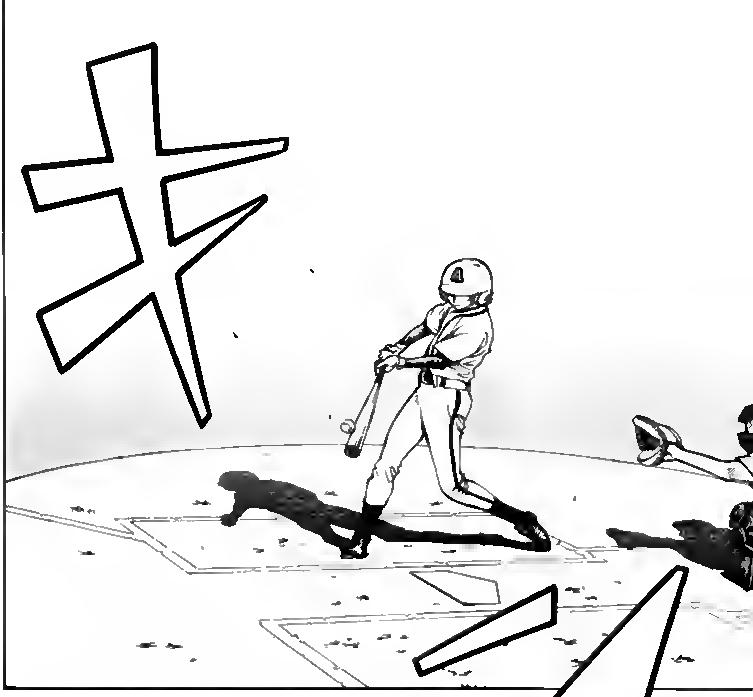
TOSHIBA
KIRIN
From now on
I will!
throw
EVEN FASTER PITCHES!!?



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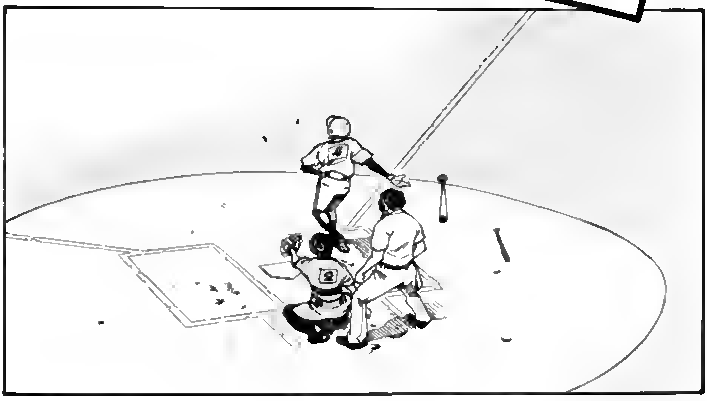

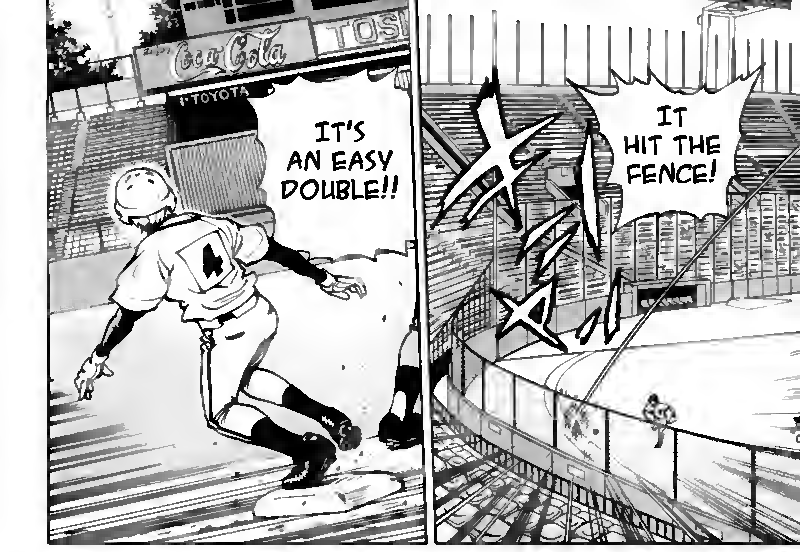
Coca-Cola
TOYOTA
IT'S AN EASY DOUBLE!!
カキン!
IT HIT THE FENCE!

That little kid...
sent it flying so far...
So why did he hit it so easily...
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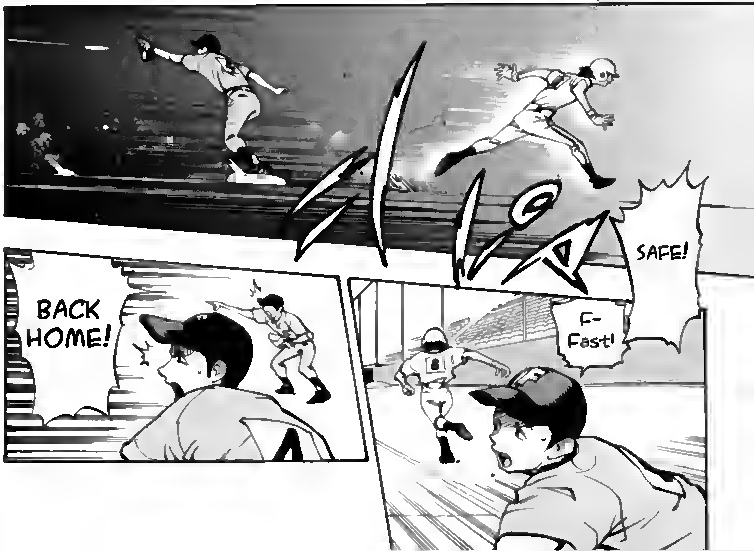
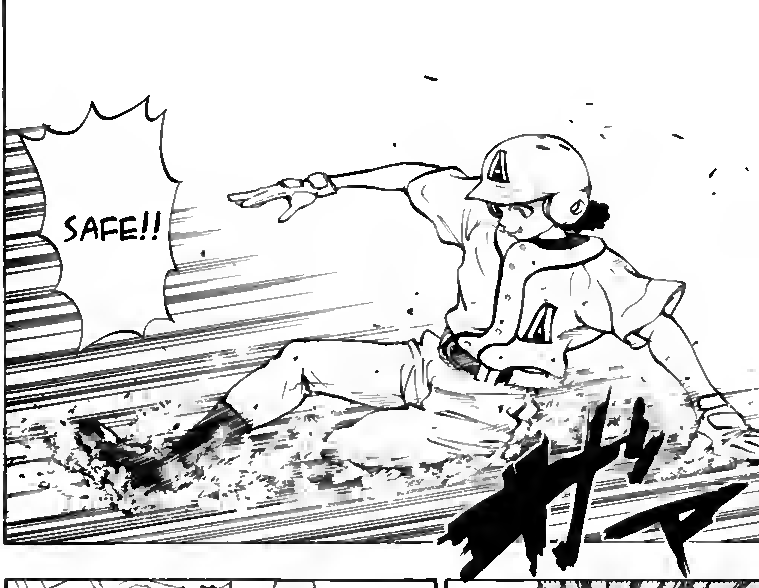
Hey, that's just the ninth batter
I'M SORRY FOR HAVING
YOU HOLD BACK, BECAUSE I'M NINTH.

KVAA~~~
KVAA~~~
KVAA~~~
... WOW ...
HE DIDN'T USE ANY STRENGTH ...
OUR COACH IS ALSO CRUEL,
FOR HAVING HIM BAT NINTH.
HE IS A GENIUS AFTER ALL.
UKYOU, GOOD JOB!
OK, NOW HEADS WILL ROLL!
13
MH
OH.
RE-
VEN-GE!!
NUMBER 1 SHORT STOP, SHIRATA KUN
I HAVE TO
THROW EVEN FASTER!

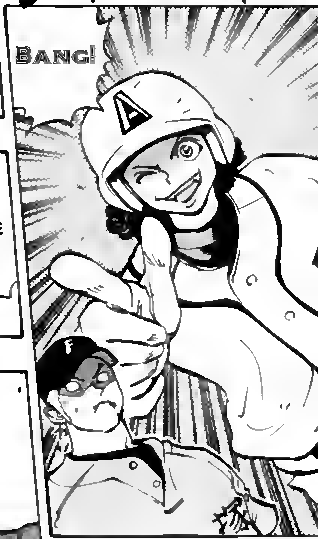
A SAFETY BUNT 22
Dawn...
TO FIRST!


SAFE!
F-Fast!
BACK HOME!

THE RUNNER STILL RUNS AFTER PASSING THIRD-BASE!
SAFE !!
TO SECOND!
WHAT,
THE HELL??


SAFE!!

DAMN!
AOIZAKA SCORES ANOTHER POINT.


BANG!

AT THE TIME THOSE TWO TOOK OFF, I WOULD HAVE SNAPPED.
THOUGH THAT'S JUST ME.
IT'S AMAZING EVERY TIME I SEE IT.

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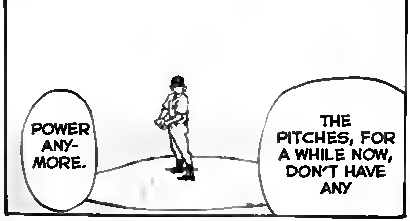
NUMBER 2 CENTER-FIELDER, HIDA-KUN.

Waa !!
HIDA-SAN,
WATCH OUT!
HEY, PITCHER!
NO OUTS! RUNNER ON FIRST AND SECOND!
I won't give you any more points.
I need to throw faster.
DEAD BALL!

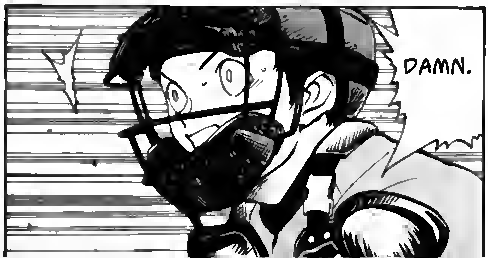
TRY 1CM ABOVE.
SEGAWA-KUN!
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, I DON'T WANT TO EMBAR-RASS MYSELF.
HIT 2CM ABOVE THE BALL...


POWER ANY-MORE.
THE PITCHES, FOR A WHILE NOW, DON'T HAVE ANY

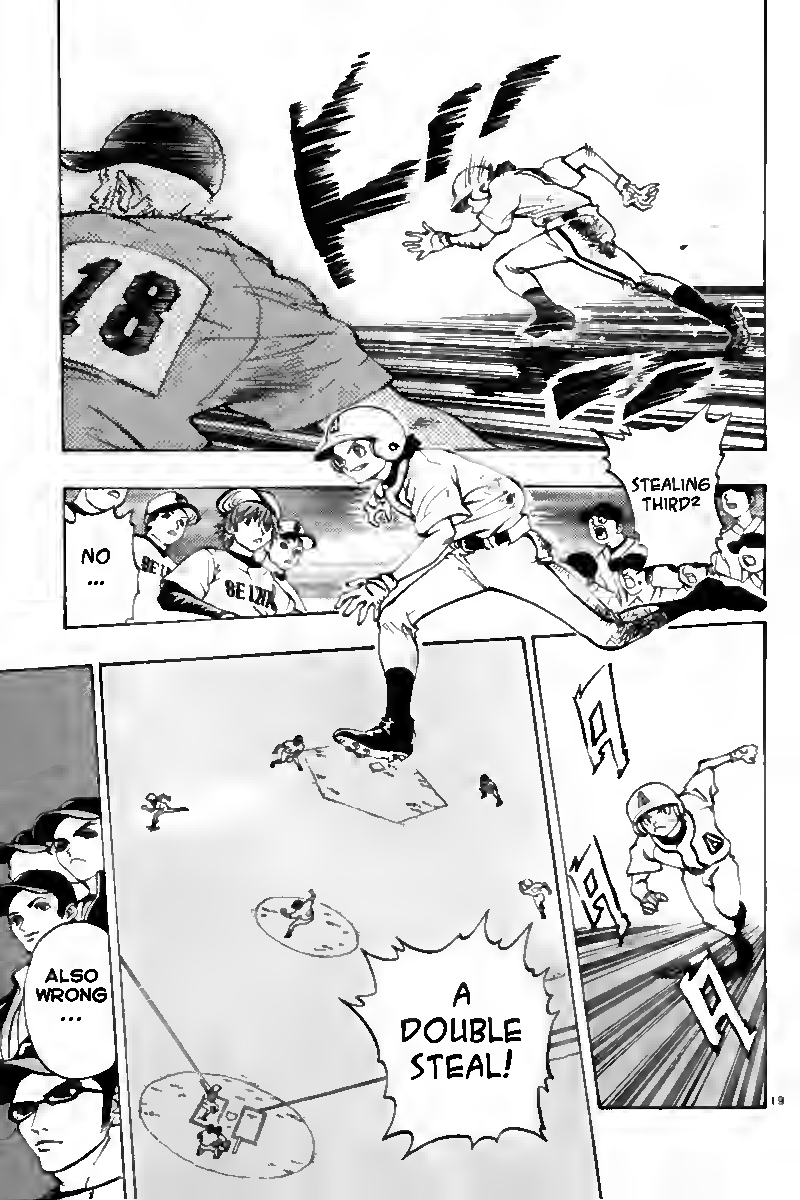
I THOUGHT THAT FUTATSUKA'S PITCHER COULD DO BETTER ...
SEINAN
FIRST ROUND SEED SEINAN HIGH SCHOOL

IF YOU FORCE YOURSELF TO THROW A FAST PITCH, IT WILL END UP BAD.
THE OTHER PITCHER WAS THE SAME.

NOW IS OUR CHANCE!
BRING IT ON!


DAMN.

I won't let you score more points!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STEALING THIRD!
NO ...
A DOUBLE STEAL!
ALSO WRONG ...

A GROUNDER TO SECOND-BASE.
BA-BACK HOME!
EH?
HIT AND RUN!
SAFE!
FOURTH POINT!
AOI HIGH ...
SEINA
WOW. NORMALLY THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
AND IT WASN'T AN ERROR OR CARELESS PLAY EITHER.

THEY ARE QUITE GOOD.

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CHAPTER II:
FIRST ROUND CLEARED!

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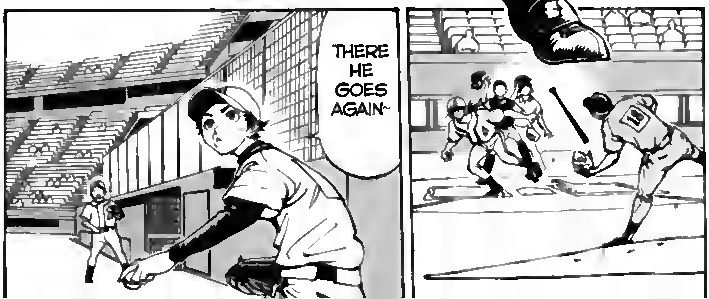
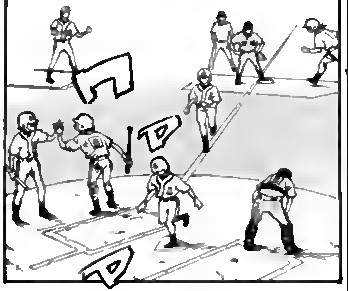
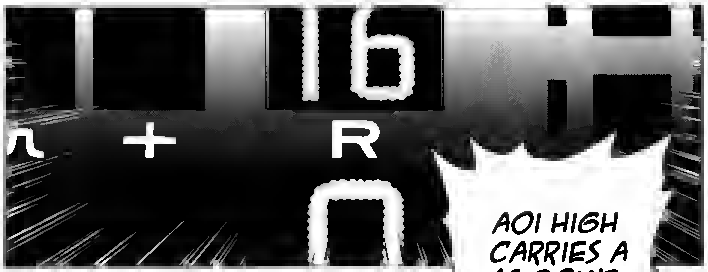

THERE HE GOES AGAIN~



A BASE-LOADED HOME-RUN!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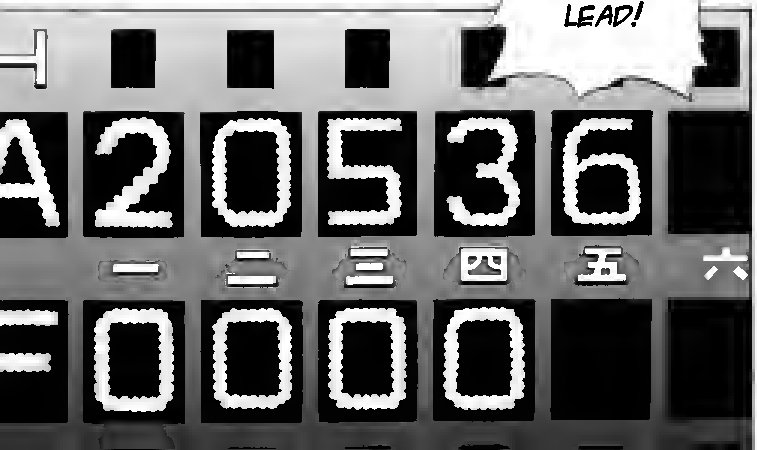
AOI HIGH CARRIES A 16 POINT LEAD!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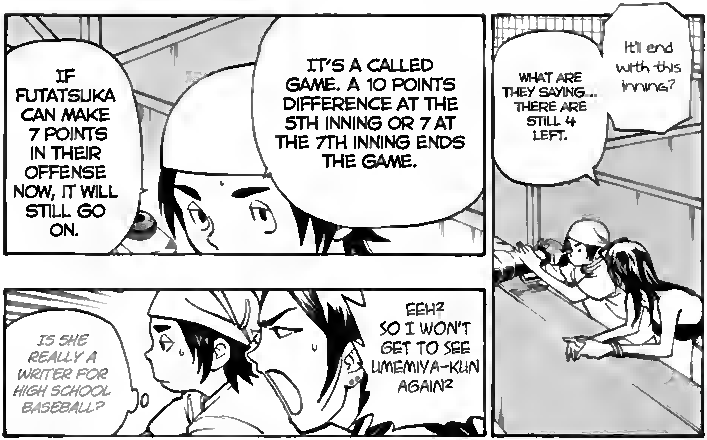
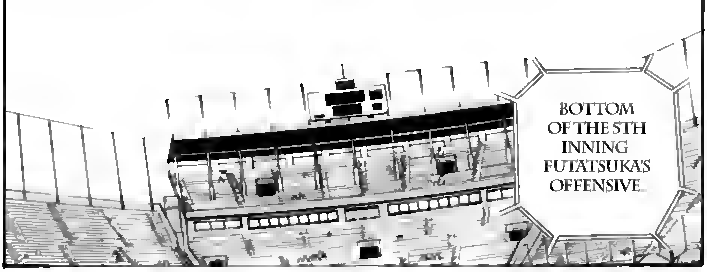
LOOK AT THE NUMBER 4 OF AOI HIGH, KOBAYASHI KOTETSU!!
HE BATTED IN 11 POINTS ALREADY.
FOUR TIMES UP TO BAT, 4 HITS, 3 HOMERUNS!!
THAT FIRST-YEAR IS A MONSTER!!
LET'S GO.
IT'S OVER.
A 16 POINT DIFFERENCE, HUH.


IF FUTATSUKA CAN MAKE 7 POINTS IN THEIR OFFENSE NOW, IT WILL STILL GO ON.
IT'S A CALLED GAME. A 10 POINTS DIFFERENCE AT THE 5TH INNING OR 7 AT THE 7TH INNING ENDS THE GAME.
WHAT ARE THEY SAYING... THERE ARE STILL 4 LEFT.
It'll end with this inning?
IS SHE REALLY A WRITER FOR HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL?
EEH? SO I WON'T GET TO SEE UMEMIYA-KUN AGAIN?
THEY WILL ADVANCE TO THE THIRD ROUND.

IT WILL BE A COMPLETE SHUTOUT.
IF THEY CAN'T MANAGE IT, THEY AREN'T WORTH OUR ATTENTION.
HEY, HIMURO, DO WE REALLY NOT HAVE TO WATCH TILL THE END?
NO NEED.
THEY'LL MOST LIKELY BE OUR OPPONENT.
SEINAN

WHICHEVER OPPONENT WE FACE, OUR ONLY REAL ENEMY IS TOUOU.
WE'RE THE CLOSEST TO THE KOUSHIEN!!
First round seed
Seinan High School
Ace
Himuro Hirohiko
(2nd-year)


BOTTOM OF THE 5TH INNING FUTATSUKA'S OFFENSIVE

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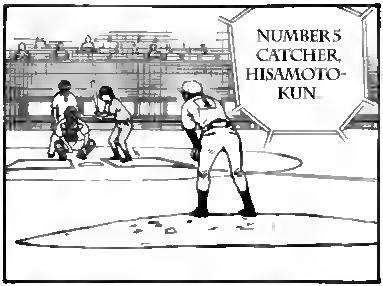
I won't let it end so easily!


NUMBER 5 CATCHER, HISAMOTO-KUN

MAKE SURE YOU HIT, HISA-MOTO!
PLEASE!!

HISA-MOTO!!

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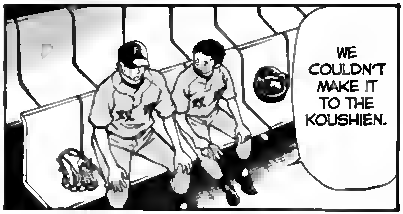
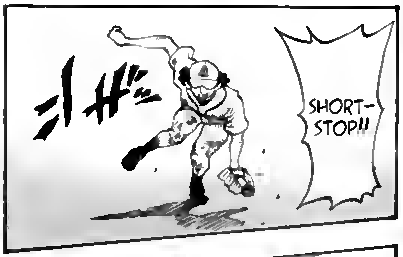
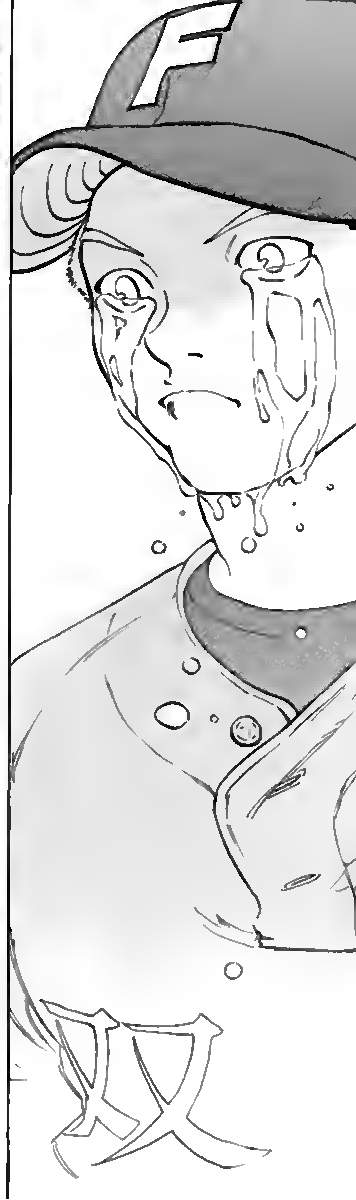
STRIKE! BATTER OUT!!

TWO MORE!
JUST ...

I ALSO HAVE TO CALM DOWN.
NICE PITCH, KITAROU!
DON'T RUSH IT!
STAY CALM!
Damn
Taka-chi
LET'S DO THIS!!
ONE OUT!
Taka-rada_


WE COULDN'T MAKE IT TO THE KOUSHIEN.


SHORT-STOP!!

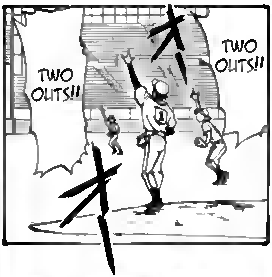


OUT!

YOU STILL HAVE CHANCES LEFT.

I WANTED TO TAKE HISAMOTO-SAN THERE.

TAKA-RADA ....
YES?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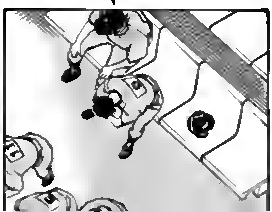
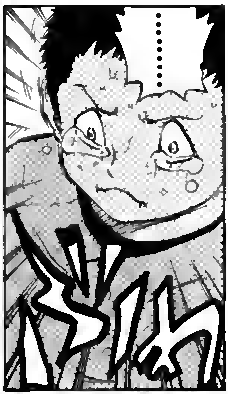
TWO OUTS!!

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THIS PITCH IS THE FIRST STEP TO TAKE SUZU-NEE TO THE KOUSHIEN....
AND A DECLARATION TO KOU-CHIN ...
THIS PITCH ...
LET'S GO TO THE KOUSHIEN ...
YES.

THE PITCH TO OUR FIRST VICTORY!!

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TL NOTE: THAT LOOKS AWFUL

DON'T THINK YOU HAVE WON, KITAOOJI KITAROU!
HEE?

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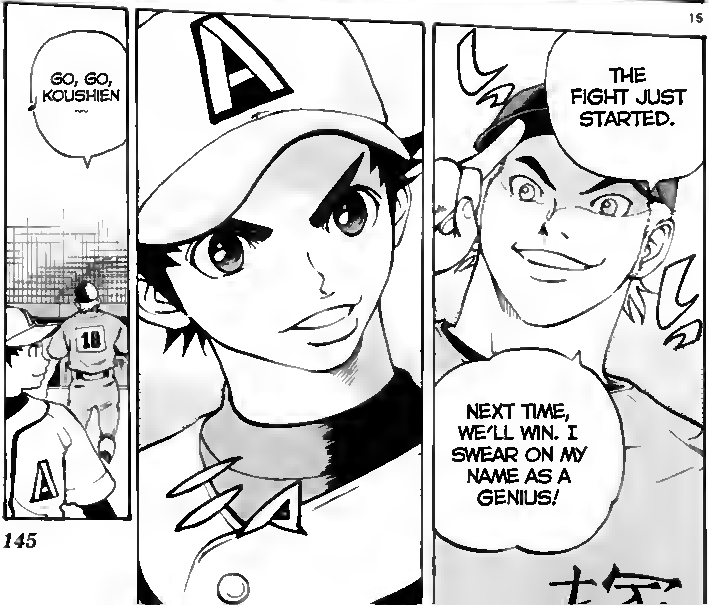
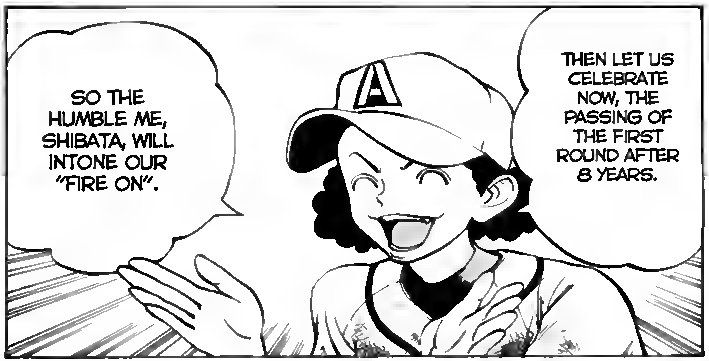
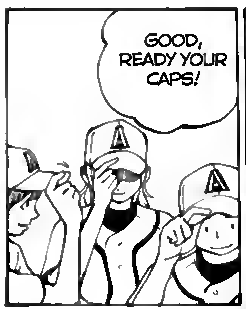

GO, GO, KOUSHIEN
THE FIGHT JUST STARTED.
NEXT TIME, WE'LL WIN. I SWEAR ON MY NAME AS A GENIUS!

明治神宮野球場


SO THE HUMBLE ME, SHIBATA, WILL INTONE OUR "FIRE ON".
THEN LET US CELEBRATE NOW, THE PASSING OF THE FIRST ROUND AFTER 8 YEARS.


GOOD, READY YOUR CAPS!

SHUT UP, SHINNO-SUKE!
COME ON!
IT MIGHT JUST BE A SMALL STEP, BUT FOR US IT IS A BIG STEP!

Fire On!!
Fire On!
Fire On!

SUZU-NEE...
SENSEI?

But
-
DON'T CRY
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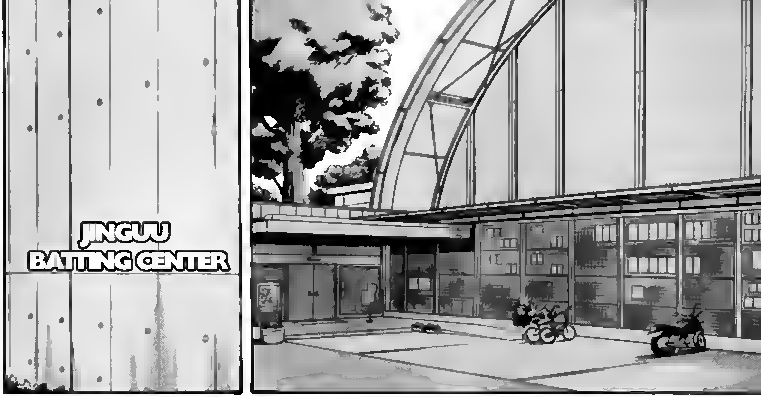
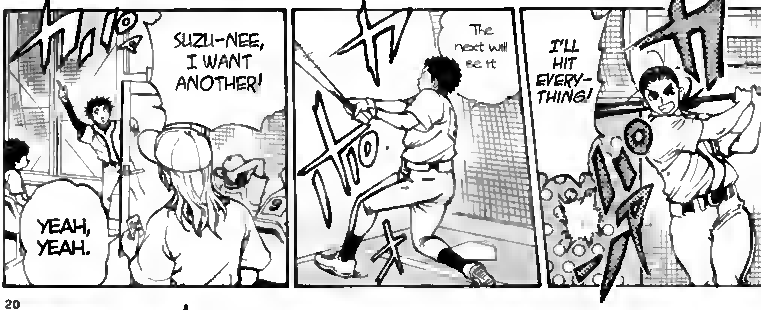
TODAY EVERYTHING IS ON ME!
OK!
DON'T HOLD BACK. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
Ah, no. You don't have to Or rather you better not do it.
MH ……
WELL THEN …
MH?
WE WANT TO GO THERE!


JINGUU
BATTING CENTER


SUZU-NEE, I WANT ANOTHER!
YEAH, YEAH.
The next will be it!
I'LL HIT EVERY-THING!

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YEAH, GO FOR IT, SUZU-NEE!
UH~ SOMEHOW NOW I'M THRILLED TO HIT SOME TOO ♡
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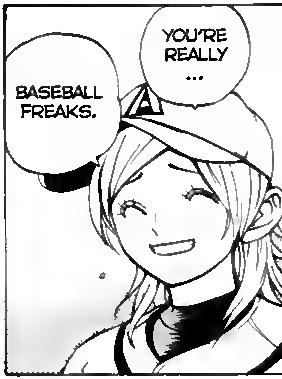
(CALLED GAME AT 5TH INNING)
AOI HIGH FIRST ROUND CLEARED!


YOU'RE REALLY ...
BASEBALL FREAKS.

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CHAPTER 12:
SCOUTING TEAM!?

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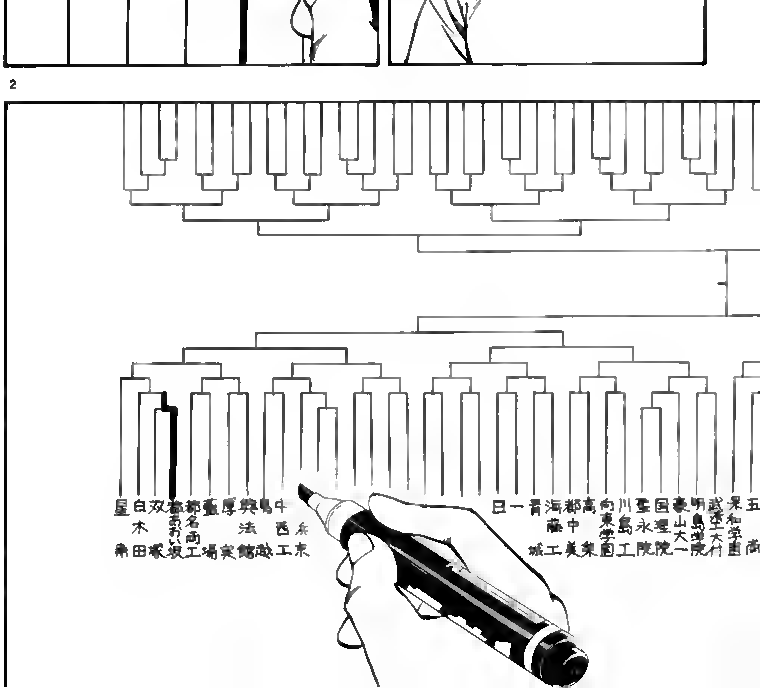
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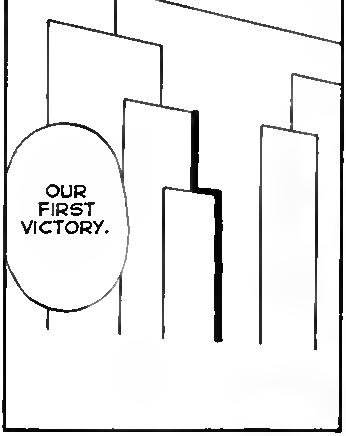

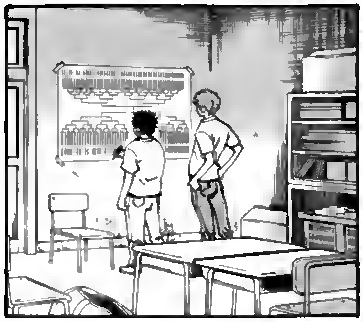

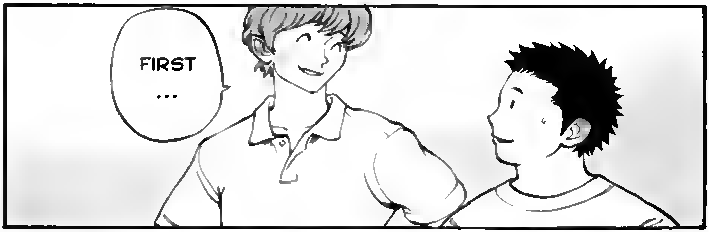

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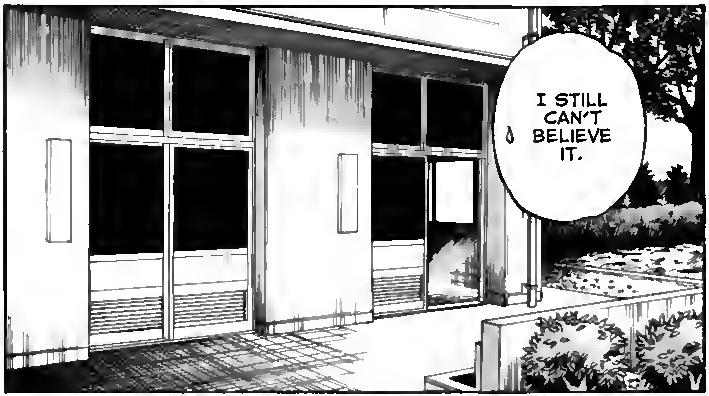

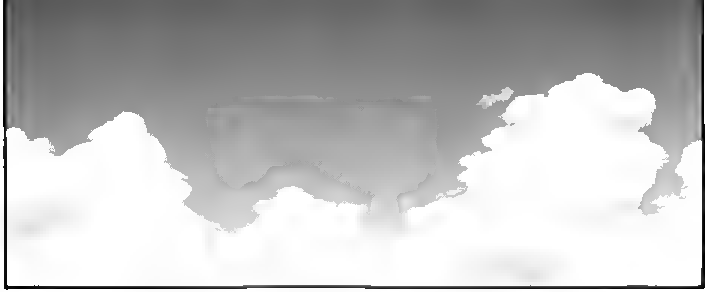

CH-CHIBA ...
OH, BANDY.
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT THE BANDAGE ON YOUR NOSE WAS GONE, YOU GOT OTHERS.

YOU WON, RIGHT?
NICELY DONE, KOUSHIEN NUMBER 1 AND 2.
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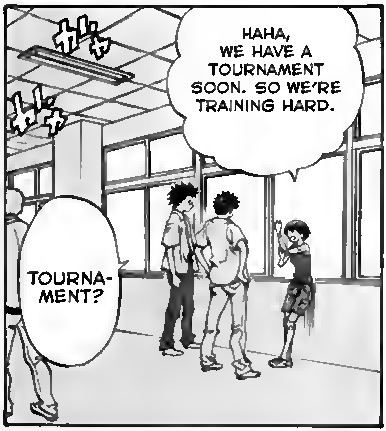
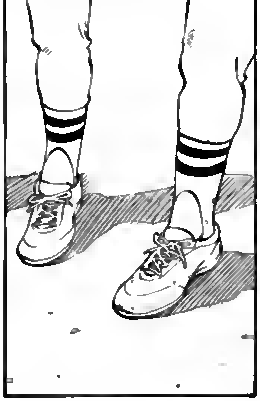
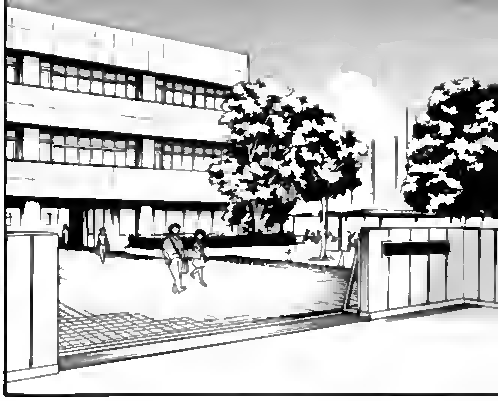
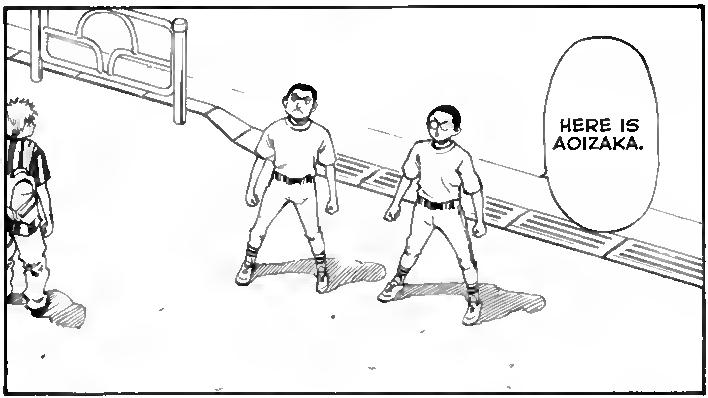

HAHA, WE HAVE A TOURNAMENT SOON. SO WE'RE TRAINING HARD.
TOURNA-MENT?

IF I RECALL,
YOU DO STUFF LIKE LIFTING AND THROWING.
SO CHEERLEADERS...
ALSO HAVE TOURNAMENTS.
FOR CHEERLEADERS!
YOU'RE DOING SOME IMPRESSIVE STUFF.
BEING A CHEERLEADER ISN'T EASY, HUH.
AHAHA
WELL WE'RE CHEERING FOR PEOPLE TO GIVE THEIR BEST,
SO WE ALSO HAVE TO GIVE OUR BEST.
I.. I SEE.







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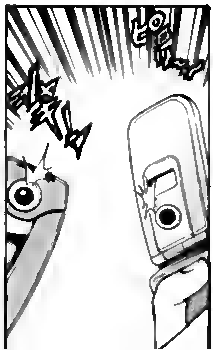
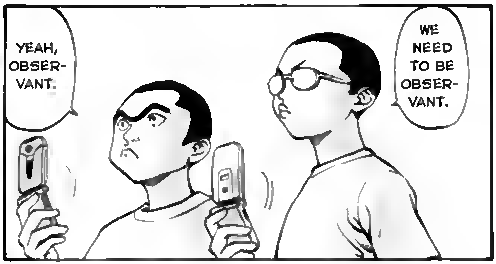




HERE WE GO!
AH.. THANK YOU.
YOU DID IT, SUGAWARA-SENSEI!
WE FINALLY PASSED THE FIRST ROUND!
NOW THE OTHER TEACHERS WILL FINALLY SEE YOU IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT.
I ...
EXCUSE ME, IGARASHI-SENSEI
BUT I WANT TO GET CHANGED ...
AHAH

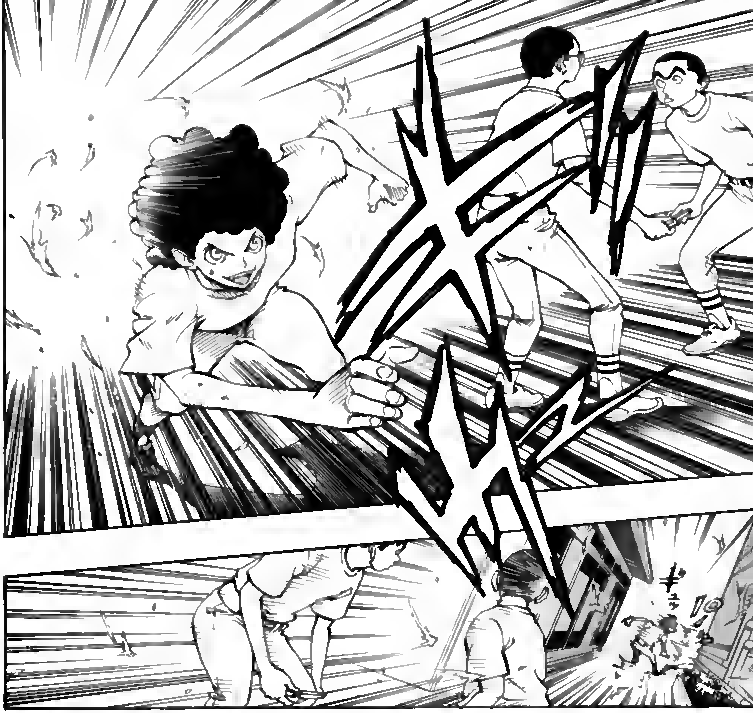
YEAH...
THEY CAN'T TRAIN ON THIS RUBBER GROUND.

FUTATSUKA'S PITCHER WAS REALLY AMAZING.
HIS BEST THROW WAS 150 KM/H. A REAL MONSTER.

AND AOIZAKA SHUT THEM DOWN WITH 16-0 IN A CALLED GAME.
JUST WITH ONE GAME THEY BECAME FAMOUS.

OR OUR SHIRAKIDA ACADEMY IS DONE FOR!!
I SOMEHOW HAVE TO FIND THEIR WEAKNESS, OR ELSE I CAN'T GO BACK!!

LOOK WHO'S TALKING!
YOU DON'T MAKE IT AS A REGULAR BECAUSE OF THAT THINKING.
But even if we defeat Aoizaka, next would be Seinan
YEAH, OBSER-VANT!
WE NEED TO BE OBSER-VANT!



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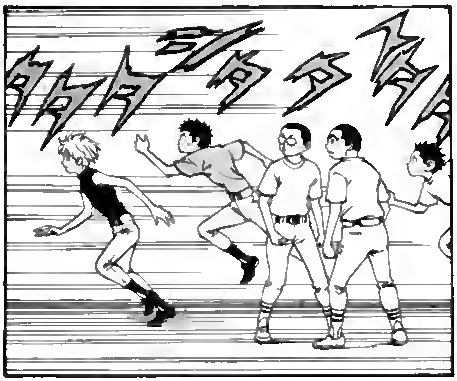
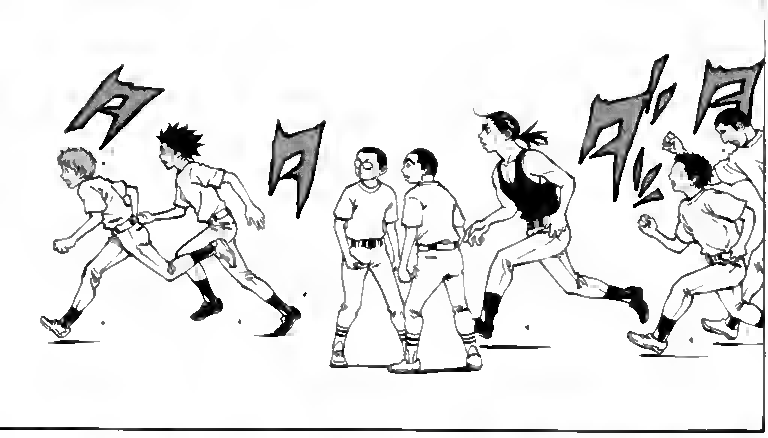
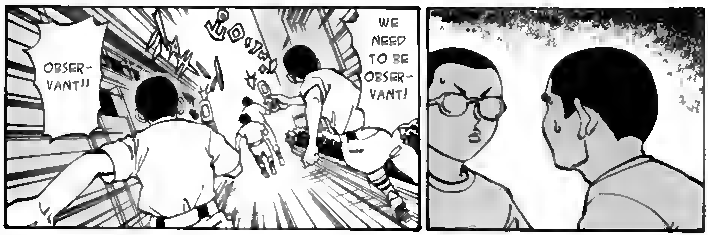
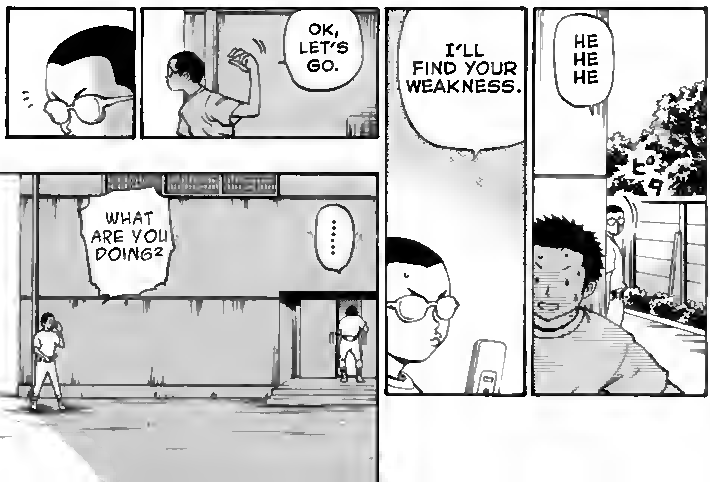





WE NEED TO BE OBSER-VANT!
OBSER-VANT!!


HE HE HE
I'LL FIND YOUR WEAKNESS.
OK, LET'S GO.
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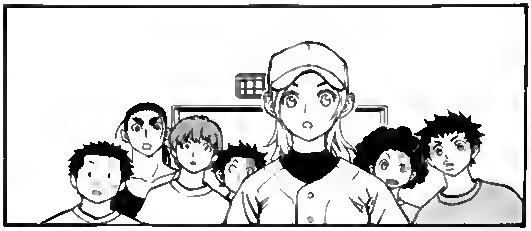
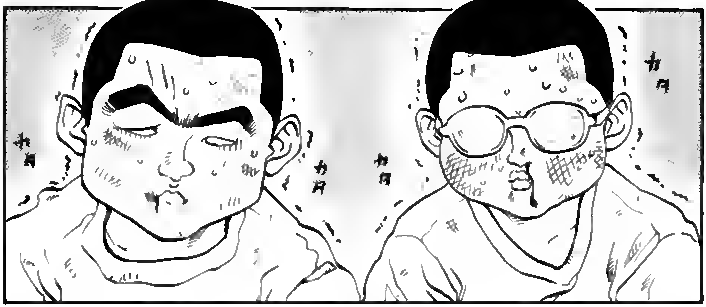
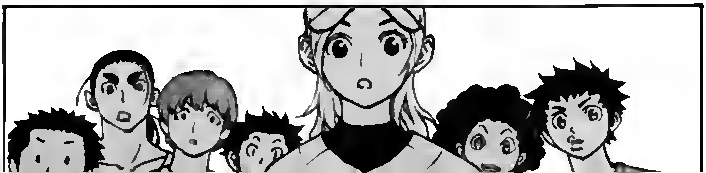
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

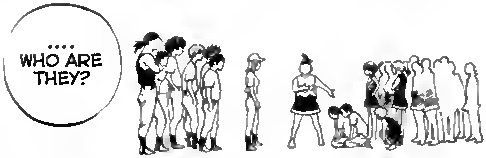
WE-
WE NEED TO OBSERVE THAT!
YEAH, WE DO!!





TWO OF YOUR CLUB MEMBERS WERE SECRETLY TAKING PHOTOS OF US!!

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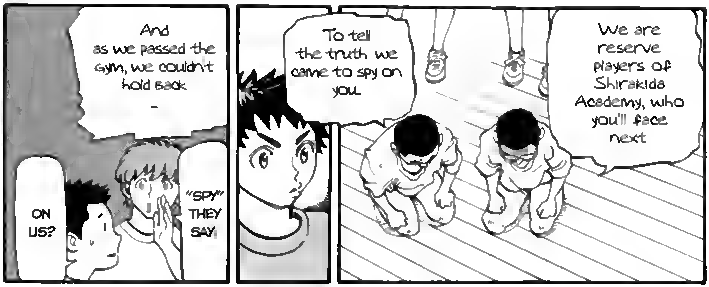
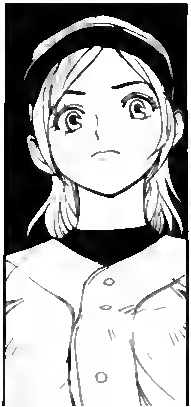
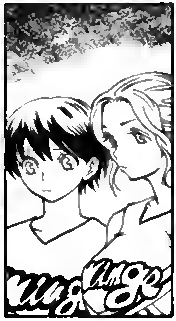
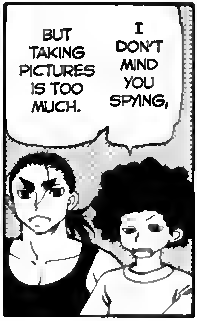

And as we passed the gym, we couldn't hold back
ON US?
"SPY" THEY SAY.
To tell the truth we came to spy on you.
We are reserve players of Shirakida Academy, who you'll face next

We beg you, don't make this public
The rest of the team is uninvolved
We just decided on our own to do so!

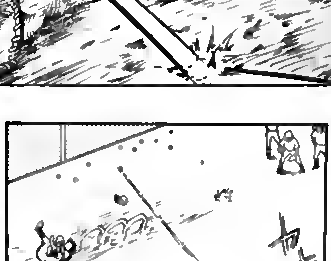





I DON'T MIND YOU SPYING,
BUT TAKING PICTURES IS TOO MUCH.

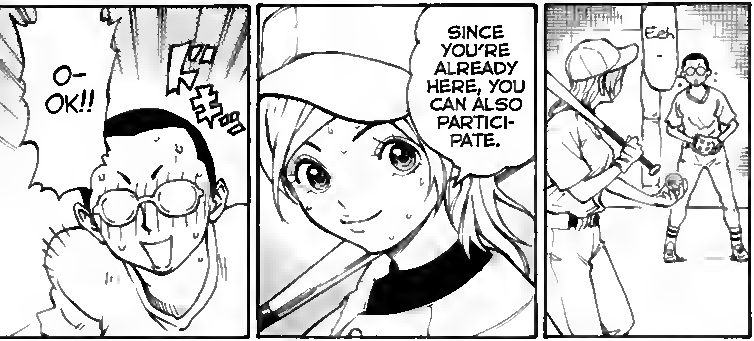
SUZU-NEE IS SO KIND.
YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME TO WATCH OUR TRAINING ....
NEVER DO SUCH A THING AGAIN!

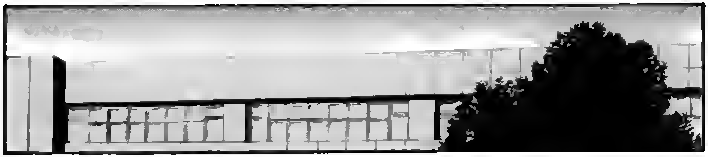
PLEASE AGAIN!!



AND ONE MORE!!
I WON'T STOP IF YOU DON'T CATCH IT!!

NEXT!
ONCE MORE!
AND THIS STRONG.
THE HIT IS SO CLOSE.
WELL, WE GOT NO ROOM.
ONCE MORE!


O-OK!!
SINCE YOU'RE ALREADY HERE, YOU CAN ALSO PARTICI-PATE.
Eeh-



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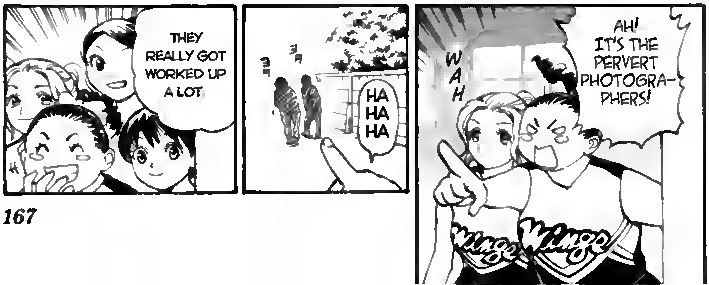
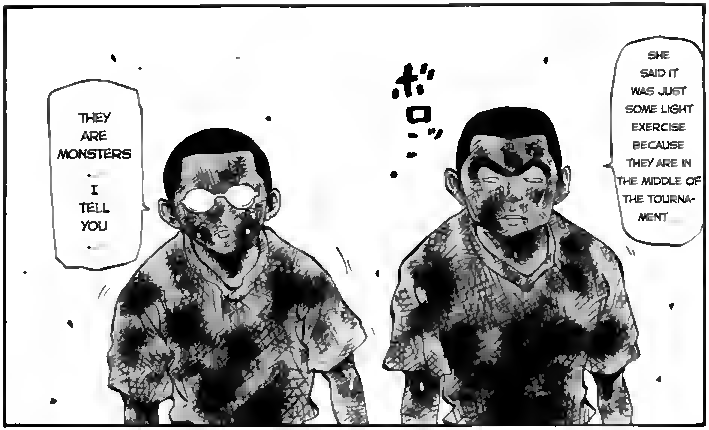
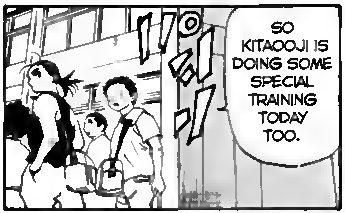
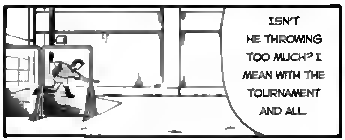
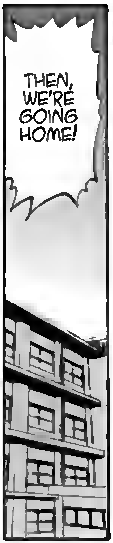

THEY REALLY GOT WORKED UP A LOT.
HA HA HA
WAH
AH! IT'S THE PERVERT PHOTOGRA-PHERS!


THEY ARE MONSTERS... I TELL YOU...
ボロ…
SHE SAID IT WAS JUST SOME LIGHT EXERCISE BECAUSE THEY ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TOURNAMENT...


SO KITAOOJI IS DOING SOME SPECIAL TRAINING TODAY TOO.

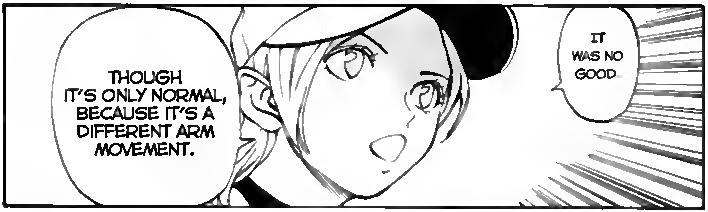

ISN'T HE THROWING TOO MUCH? I MEAN WITH THE TOURNAMENT AND ALL.

THERE IS NO NEED TO WORRY.
THE COACH IS WITH HIM.


THEN, WE'RE GOING HOME!

A... AHAHA
But if we make use of this data...
...I'm afraid that it's not enough!

WASN'T THAT A GOOD PITCH?
IT HAD SOME "THUD", RIGHT?


IT WAS NO GOOD.
THOUGH IT'S ONLY NORMAL, BECAUSE IT'S A DIFFERENT ARM MOVEMENT.

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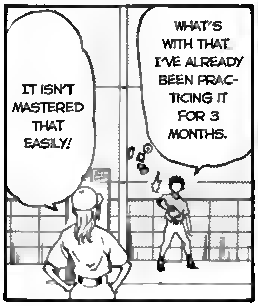
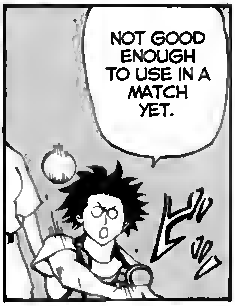
I KNOW I HAVE TO IMPRINT IT INTO MY BODY.


IT ISN'T MASTERED THAT EASILY!
WHAT'S WITH THAT. I'VE ALREADY BEEN PRACTICING IT FOR 3 MONTHS.


NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO USE IN A MATCH YET.

BUT!!
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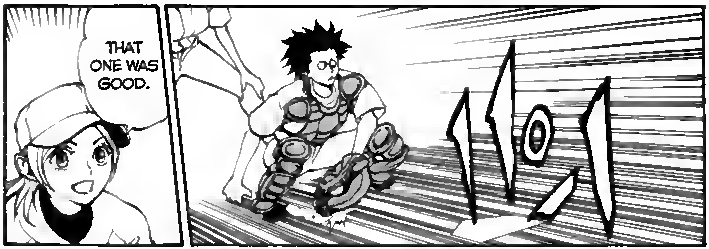
THAT ONE WAS GOOD.

I WILL DEFINITELY MASTER THIS PITCH, TO TAKE US TO THE KOUSHIEN!!
JUST LEAVE IT TO ME, SUZU-NEE!!

SAIKYOU! TORITSU AOIZAKA KOUKOU YAKYUUBU

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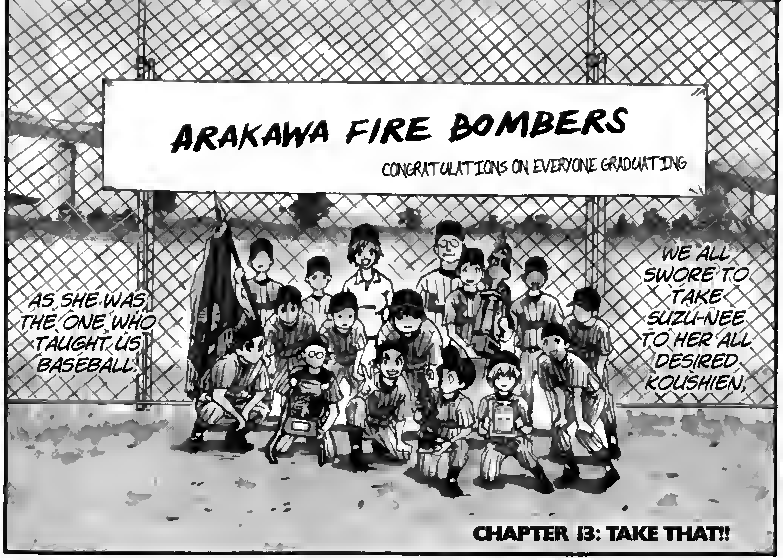
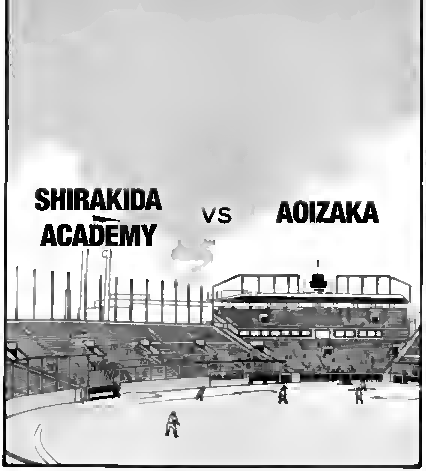

ARAKAWA FIRE BOMBERS
CONGRATULATIONS ON EVERYONE GRADUATING
AS SHE WAS THE ONE WHO TAUGHT US BASEBALL.
WE ALL SWORE TO TAKE SUZU-NEE TO HER ALL DESIRED KOUSHIEN.
CHAPTER 13: TAKE THAT!!

KOTETSU
UKYOU
ME
MASAHARU
SHINNOSUKE

I THOUGHT I WOULD BE THE ONLY IDIOT REMEMBERING THIS PROMISE...
BUT WE'RE ALL ASSEMBLED AGAIN AND TOOK OUR FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE KOUSHIEN!!

CHAPTER 13: TAKE THAT!!


SHIRAKIDA ACADEMY
VS
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16TH OF JULY
EAST TOKYO TOURNAMENT 2ND ROUND

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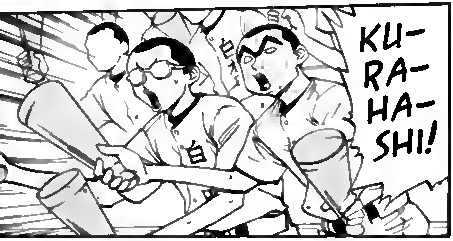
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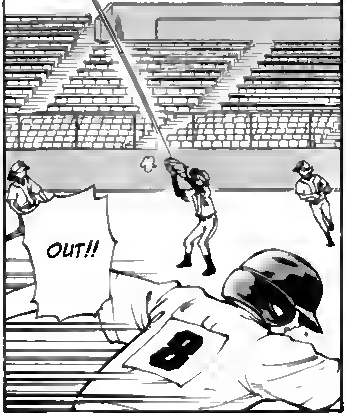
SHI!

AWAY!
BLOW IT AWAY, KURAHASHI!


OUT!!

DAMN!!

3 OUTS!! CHANGE!

YOU'RE IN TOP FORM, KITAROU
HEHE

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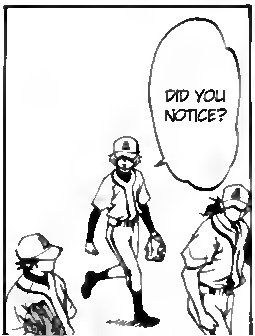
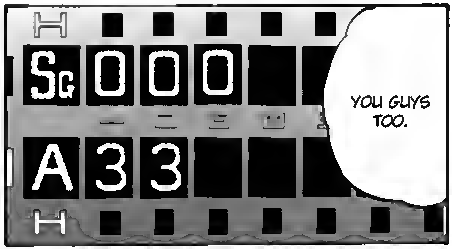

DID YOU NOTICE?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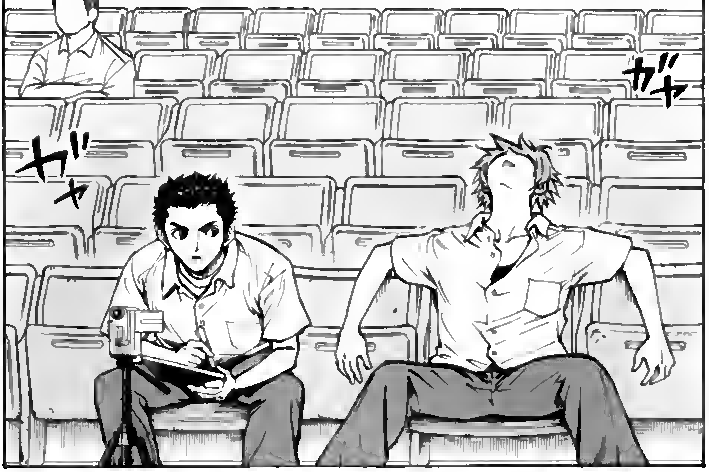
A 3 3
YOU GUYS TOO.

HIMURO-KUN OF SEINAN IS HERE.
WHERE?
YOU'RE RIGHT. HE'S SITTING BEHIND THE NET AND FILMING.
HOHO, SO EVEN THE ACE OF SEINAN IS WORRIED ABOUT MY PITCHING.
YOU MEAN, HE IS WORRIED ABOUT MY BATTING.
NO, HE'S WORRIED ABOUT MY RUNNING SPEED.
HEY, CONCENTRATE ON THE GAME.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WATCH CLOSELY.
I'M NOT SLEEPING, NAOYUKI.
HEY, HIRO-HIKO.
HIRO-HIKO.
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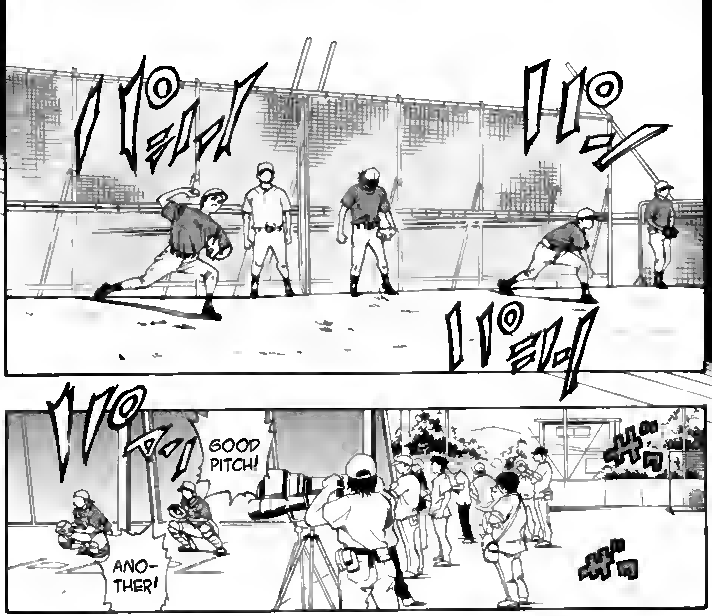
YEAH, YEAH...
HIRO-HIKO!
I ALREADY WATCHED THEIR FIRST GA-ME.

...SO HOT.
WE SHOULD HAVE JUST TOOK THE SCORE FOR SPYING.
HI!

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, OLD MAN...


GOOD PITCH!
ANO-THER!

HERE I GO, NAOYUKI.
BRING IT ON, HIRO-HIKO.

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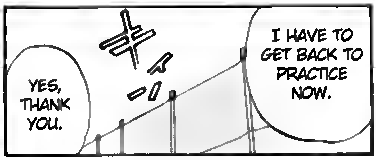
WOW!!

YEAH!!

DON'T WORRY ...
HIS FASTBALL IS GETTING FASTER AND FASTER.
IS THERE EVEN A HIGH SCHOOLER WHO COULD HIT THAT?
WHEN HE GOES PRO, THERE WILL BE SOME.
WHAT IS YOUR GOAL?
WELL, YEAH ...
SO IT'S A DIRECT CHALLENGE AT THE SPRING CHAMPION, TOUOU ACADEMY?
お!
I'M ONLY THINKING ABOUT THE KOUSHIEN.

BUT WE'RE THE FAVORITES TO WIN.
THEY ARE JUST AN OBSTACLE.

HIRO-HIKO,
THE COACH IS CALLING FOR YOU


I HAVE TO GET BACK TO PRACTICE NOW.
YES, THANK YOU.

WHAT DO YOU NEED, OLD-

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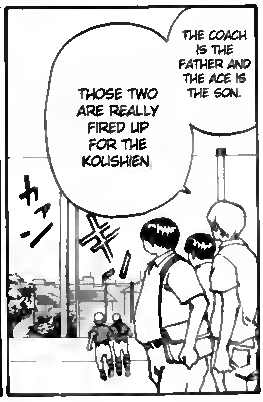
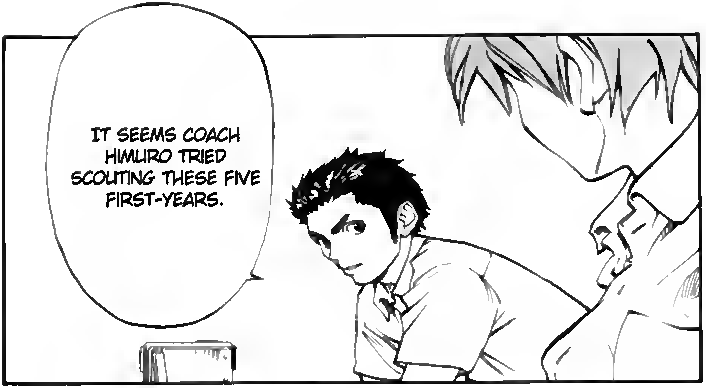
AH.

I BET EVEN KOMA KOUJI HAS TROUBLE HITTING THAT FASTBALL.


THE COACH IS THE FATHER AND THE ACE IS THE SON.
THOSE TWO ARE REALLY FIRED UP FOR THE KOUSHIEN.

COACH!
YOU TWO WILL GO WATCH AOIZAKA'S SECOND GAME TOMORROW.
WHAT?
KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON THEM, HIROHIKO.
UNDER-STAND ME?
IS HE GOING SENILE?
THIS FIRST-YEAR TEAM WILL LOSE AGAINST US 100 TIMES OUT OF 100.
THE FISH YOU CAN'T CATCH IS ALWAYS THE BIGGEST.
WHAT?


IT SEEMS COACH HIMURO TRIED SCOUTING THESE FIVE FIRST-YEARS.

YOU KNOW HONMA, WHO TAKES THE SCORE, RIGHT?
I ALSO ONLY GOT TO KNOW IT BY CHANCE.

HO, NEVER HEARD OF THAT.

YEAH.
BUT THEY REJECTED HIM.

HE PLAYED TOGETHER WITH THEM BACK THEN.
AND THE COACH WANTED TO MAKE USE OF THAT.

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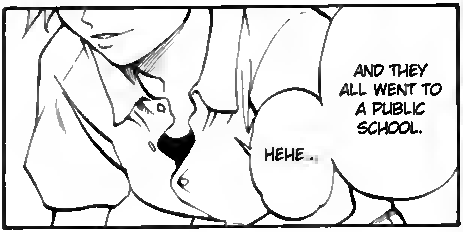
AND THEY ALL WENT TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL.
HEHE..

SUCH A DREAMY SCENARIO...
BUT DON'T UNDERESTIMATE POWER-HOUSES!

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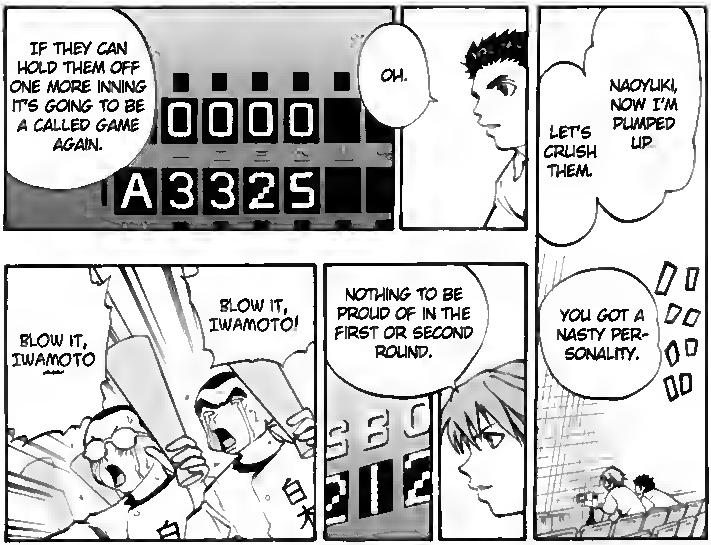
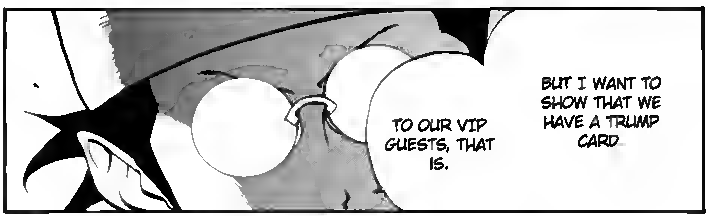

IF THEY CAN HOLD THEM OFF ONE MORE INNING IT'S GOING TO BE A CALLED GAME AGAIN.
A 3 3 2 5
OH.
NAOYUKI, NOW I'M PUMPED UP
LET'S CRUSH THEM.
BLOW IT, IWAMOTO!
BLOW IT, IWAMOTO
NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF IN THE FIRST OR SECOND ROUND.
YOU GOT A NASTY PERSONALITY.

HEHEHE, BUT IT'S ALREADY DECIDED, ISN'T IT?
EH?
KITAROU, TRY THROWING "THAT" PITCH.
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.


BUT I WANT TO SHOW THAT WE HAVE A TRUMP CARD
TO OUR VIP GUESTS, THAT IS.

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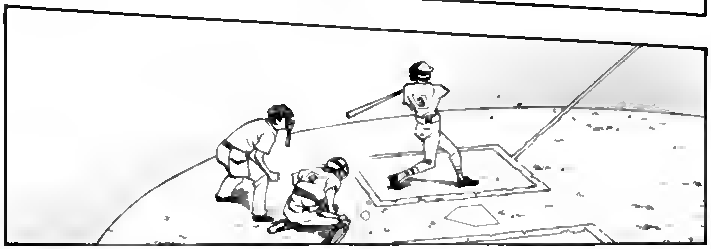
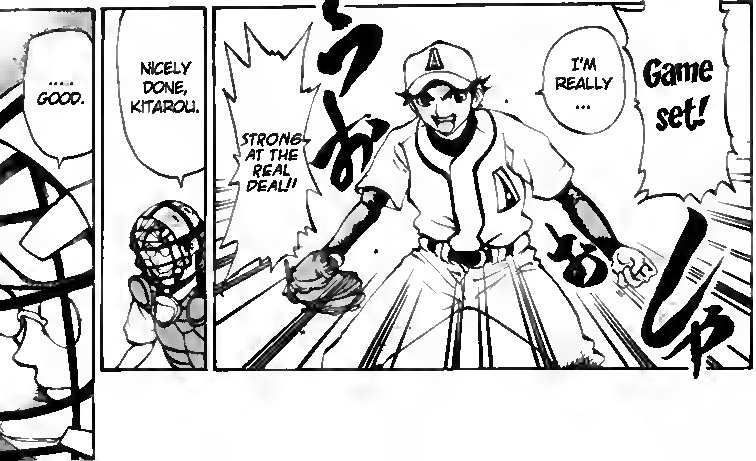
SURE, THING, MASAHARU!
I'M ALWAYS BETTER AT THE REAL DEAL!!

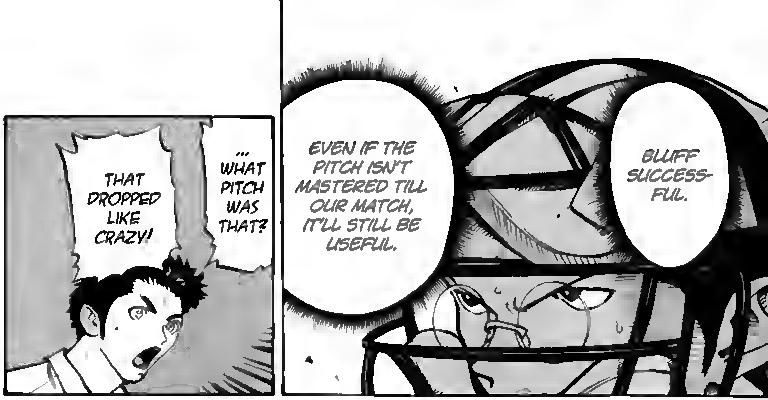
PLAY!
DON'T BE SURPRISED.
HIS PITCHES ARE COMING FROM BELOW.
A RISING PITCH SO TO SPEAK ...
GRAB
3CM ABOVE!!
CONNECTING WITH FULL POWER...



THESE KIDS...
Geez.
STRIKE! BATTER OUT!

Eeeh?


Game set!
I'M REALLY ...
うおりゃ
STRONG AT THE REAL DEAL!!
NICELY DONE, KITAROU.
.... GOOD.


BLUFF SUCCESS-FUL.
EVEN IF THE PITCH ISN'T MASTERED TILL OUR MATCH, IT'LL STILL BE USEFUL.
... WHAT PITCH WAS THAT?
THAT DROPPED LIKE CRAZY!

HIROHIKO... IT WAS WORTH COMING HERE AFTER ALL...

INTER-ESTING.
BUT CHALLENGING US WITH THIS PITCH...
STILL 10 YEARS TOO EARLY!!

I am the strangest! Meterepeliten
Naizaha senior high schaal baseball club.

A next volume notice!

To Be Continued.....!!

最強！ 都立あおい坂高校野球部②

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